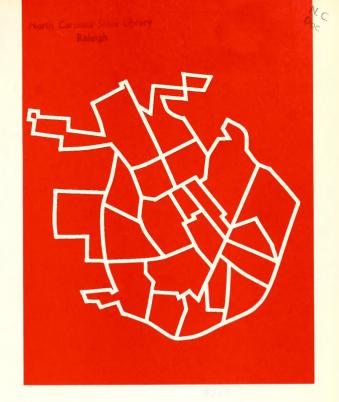
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FOREWORD

THIS IS THE FIFTH OF A SERIES OF PLANNING STUDIES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE WILSON PLANNING BOARD AS PART OF THE WILSON COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAM. THE FOUR STUDIES THUS FAR COMPLETED WERE CONCERNED WITH AN ANALYSIS OF TRENOS IN POPULATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH; AN ANALYSIS OF EXISTING LAND USE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; THE FORMULATION OF A FUTURE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE.

Scheduled for the future are studies of the Downtown Business District;

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES; AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE

FINANCIAL ABILITY OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE NECESSARY MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN FU
TURE YEARS.



INTRODUCTION

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WILSON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THIS REPORT REPRESENTS A GENERAL STUDY OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH BLIGHT AND BLIGHT-INDUCING FACTORS ARE PRESENT WITHIN THE CITY. ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO ANALYZE THESE ELEMENTS ON A NEIGHBORHDOD BY NEIGHBORHDOD BASIS AND TO SUGGEST ACTIONS AND POLICIES WHICH COULD AFFECT THE PRESERVATION OF UNBLIGHTED AREAS, THE REHABILITATION OF SALVABLE AREAS.

THIS REPORT CONSISTS OF TWO PRINCIPAL CHAPTERS. THE FIRST, "CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FUTURE," INCLUDES SUBSECTIONS ON GROWTH TRENDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND LIKELY FUTURE NEEDS
FOR THESE FACILITIES, THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF BLIGHT AND A CONCLUDING SUBSECTION ENTITLED "STEPS TOWARD COMMUNITY !MPROVEMENT" WHICH DISCUSSES THE
NATURE OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND THREE POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO ELIMINATING
BLIGHT FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE SECOND CHAPTER, ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF FINDINGS," INCLUDES TWO SUBSECTIONS ENTITLED "COMMUNITY ANALYSIS" AND "NEIGHBORHODD ANALYSIS." THE FORMER SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY ON A COMMUNITY-WIDE BASIS, AND THE LATTER PRESENTS A NEIGHBORHODD BY NEIGHBORHODD SUM-

PLANNING AREA AND NEIGHBORHOOD DELINEATION

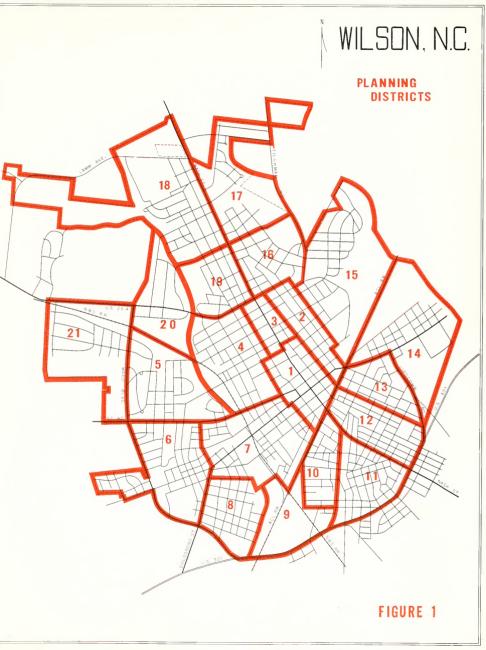
THE PLANNING AREA FOR THIS ANALYSIS INCLUDES ALL OF THE CITY OF WILSON. DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN, 1 THE CITY WAS SUBDIVIDED INTO 21 PLANNING DISTRICTS (NEIGHBORHOODS), AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THESE DISTRICTS ARE SHOWN ON FIGURE 1. ALTHOUGH THESE DISTRICTS ARE NOT TRUE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE STRICT SENSE OF THE WORD, EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO ACHIEVE

PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WILSON, NORTH CARDLINA, OCTOBER, 1960.



REASONABLY HOMOGENOUS AREAS WITH COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OR PROBLEMS WHICH LEND THEMSELVES TO ANALYSIS AND SOLUTION ON AN AREAL BASIS.







CHAPTER I

CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

GROWTH TRENDS

DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1950 TO 1960, THE POPULATION OF THE CITY INCREASED BY 25 PERCENT FROM 23,010 TO 28,758. FOR THE SAME PERIOD, THE COUNTY POPULATION INCREASED BY 5 PERCENT FROM 54,506 TO 57,716 AND WILSON TOWNSHIP POPULATION INCREASED BY 23 PERCENT FROM 27,473 TO 33,768.

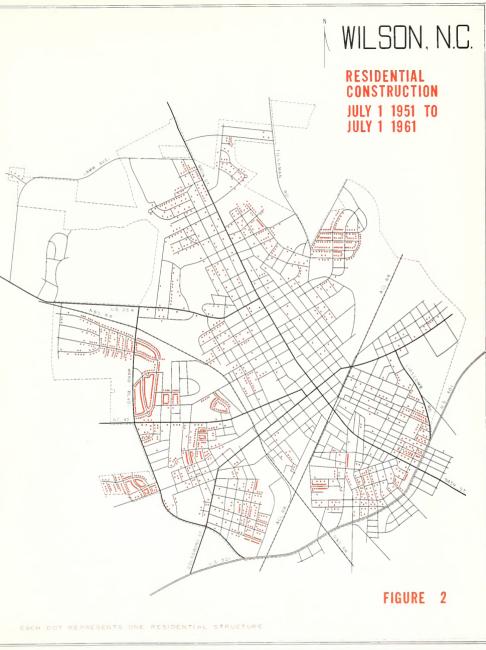
PERCENTAGE WISE, THE CITY INCREASE APPROXIMATES THE GROWTH TREND SINCE 1900. However, the County increase of 5 percent represents the smallest percentage increase for any ten-year period since 1900. The importance of the City to the County population wise is illustrated by the fact that every township in Wilson County except Wilson Township Lost population during the 1950-1960 period.

By 1980, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CITY POPULATION WILL BE 42,360, 2 AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 15,000 DURING THE 1960-1980 PERIOD. ESTIMATES IN THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 4,310 NEW DWELLING UNITS WILL BE NEEDED TO HOUSE THIS POPULATION INCREASE. IN ADDITION, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 1,080 NEW UNITS WILL BE NEEDED TO REPLACE LOSSES IN THE CURRENT HOUSING SUPPLY.

The pattern of residential growth during the past ten years is shown on Figure 2 and in the Appendix, Table 1. Approximately 45 percent of New Residential Construction during the ten-year period, July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1961, occurred in the area bounded generally by Hominy Swamp Canal, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the City Limits and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad (see

^{2.} EXCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION AT ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SANITORIUM.







PLANNING DISTRICTS 5, 6, 8 AND 21 IN THE APPENDIX, TABLE 1). ELSEWHERE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH HAS BEEN FAIRLY WELL SPREAD ABOUT THE CITY WITH CONCENTRATIONS OCCURRING IN THE CAVALIER TERRACE, BRENTWOOD, MONTCLAIR, AND BLAKE-FIKE SUBDIVISIONS AND IN PLANNING DISTRICTS 10 AND 11.

ROUGHLY 20 PERCENT OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TEN-YEAR

PERIOD HAS BEEN FOR NON-WHITE OCCUPANTS. PRACTICALLY ALL OF THIS CONSTRUCTION

HAS OCCURRED EAST OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILFOAD.

Due to the water and sewer extension policy of the City, residential construction outside of the City Limits has been negligible; however, the Jennings acres and Newton Park Subdivisions are exceptions to this. The lack of urban sprawl around the City speaks well for developers and City Officials.

THE TREND FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF RESIDENTIAL GROWTH TO OCCUR ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE CITY SHOULD CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS WILL OCCUR IN THE AREA BETWEEN DOWNING STREET AND WEST NASH STREET.

MAJOR FACTORS FAVORING THE WEST AS AN AREA OF NEW GROWTH INCLUDE: 1) THE AVAILABILITY OF DEVELOPABLE LAND AT A VARIETY OF PRICES; 2) THE RELATIVE EASE OF EXTENDING PUBLIC UTILITIES SUCH AS SEWER AND WATER LINES INTO THE AREA; 3) THE PRESENCE OF TOISNOT SWAMP ON THE NORTH, THE PROFUSION OF SLUMS ON THE EAST AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA ON THE SOUTH WILL SERVE AS BARRIERS TO RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN THOSE AREAS; 4) SOMEWHAT BETTER ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN WILSON AND MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CENTERS.

ELSEWHERE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF NEW GROWTH CAN BE ANTICIPATED IN THE

AREA BETWEEN WEST NASH STREET AND CORBETT AVENUE AND IN THE MONTCLAIR SUBDIVISION

WHICH HAS ABOUT 75 VACANT LOTS LEFT. EXCEPT FOR THE FILLING IN OF AN OCCASIONAL

VACANT LOT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF THE BLAKE-FIKE SUBDIVISION,

LITTLE NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR NEGRO POPULATION GROWTH IS LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE

AREA BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD AND U. S. 301. ANY SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA, OUTSIDE OF BLAKE-FIKE, WILL PROBABLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT HOUSING FOR FAMILIES DISPLACED BY URBAN RENEWAL ACTIVITIES.

THE AREA EAST OF U. S. 301, BETWEEN LIBSCOMB ROAD AND U. S. 264, IS PRIME RESIDENTIAL LAND FOR NEGRO DEVELOPMENT. THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOW BEING BUILT IN THIS AREA SHOULD HELP TO ATTRACT NEW DEVELOPMENT, AS WILL THE ADDITION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE UTILITIES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON ANNEXATION. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROTECT DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA FROM THE PROFUSION OF SLUMS LOCATED ALONG U. S. 301.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Sewer and Water Service - The city has two sewage treatment plants with an existing capacity of 6.0 MgD. In addition, Plant No. 2, Built in 1959, is designed to provide for three additional expansions at 3.5 MgD each.

EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL RECENTLY INCORPORATED AREAS, THE ENTIRE CITY IS PROVIDED WITH SANITARY SEWER SERVICE. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 24-INCH OUTFALL LINE ALONG TOISNOT SWAMP MAKES SERVICE AVAILABLE TO NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY. PROVISION OF SERVICE TO NEW GROWTH ON THE WEST WILL, IN SOME CASES, REQUIRE LIFT STATIONS; HOWEVER, THE OVERALL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD OVERCOME THIS HANDICAP.

Public water service is provided throughout the City, and expansion of water service to newly developing areas presents little difficulty. Contracts for the construction of a new filter plan at Wiggin's Mill were let this year. This plant, to be constructed in 1962, will be designed for a present capacity of 4.0 MgD and with an ultimate capacity of 6.0 MgD. The existing plant, located at the Power Plant, has a capacity of 6.0 MgD and last year, treated 4.25 MgD on an average August Day.



SCHOOLS - THE WILSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COINCIDES WITH WILSON TOWNSHIP. THERE ARE 11 SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOUR WHITE ELEMENTARY, THREE NEGRO ELEMENTARY, DNE WHITE JUNIOR HIGH, DNE WHITE SENIOR HIGH AND DNE COMBINED NEGRO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH. WHITE SCHOOLS ARE DRGANIZED DN A 6-3-3 BASIS AND NEGRO SCHOOLS DN A 6-6 BASIS.

The quality of the schools in the School District is generally godd.

However, the limited size of several school sites, the large number of students per classroom in certain schools, and the age of all white elementary schools are considered to be major handicaps. In 1960, only fike High School met general standards for school site sizes as recommended by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Division of Advance Planning. Negro schools are especially overcrowded in terms of site size and students per classroom.

This is illustrated by the fact that Negro elementary schools had an average of 40 students per classroom in January, 1960. Three of the four school buildings for white elementary students are extremely old having been built in 1904, 1905, and 1914. The fourth school was driginally constructed in 1922 and was added to in 1953. With the exception of the Hearne School building, which is in Bad condition, the older buildings appear to be sound and should lend themselves well to necessary rendvations and rearrangement for future use.

Considerable thought has been given to constructing a new white Junior high school building on the 40-acre tract of land on NC 42. If this should be done, Codn Junior High School could be converted to an elementary school and thereby relieve some of the pressure on the Woodard and Hearne Schools.

A NEW 16-RDDM NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS PRESENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED ALDNG
THE GREENVILLE HIGHWAY, WHICH UPDN COMPLETION WILL REDUCE THE DVERCROWDING AT
THE VICK SCHOOL. However, considerable growth is expected to occur in the area



AROUND THIS SCHOOL IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND THE REDUCTION OF THE LOAD ON THE

VICK SCHOOL MAY NOT BE PERMANENT UNLESS ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OCCURS ELSEWHERE.

ESTIMATES IN THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER OF WHITE STUDENTS WILL INCREASE APPROXIMATELY 49 PERCENT (2000) AND NEGRO STUDENTS APPROXIMATELY 47 PERCENT (1,650) BY 1980. TO HOUSE THE TOTAL STUDENT BODY IN 1980 AT RECOGNIZED STANDARDS, SEVEN ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT. INCLUDED SHOULD BE THREE NEW WHITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, TWO NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, ONE WHITE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND ONE NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. IN ADDITION TO THESE, A NEW BUILDING IS NEEDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE AT HEARNE SCHOOL. ALTOGETHER, APPROXIMATELY 190 NEW CLASSROOMS WILL BE NEEDED BY 1980.

OF THE SEVEN SITES NEEDED FOR NEW SCHOOLS. THREE ARE PRESENTLY OWNED BY THE School Board. These include the 40-acre tract on NC 42, the ten-acre tract in CAVALLER TERRACE AND THE SITE WHERE THE NEGRO FLEMENTARY SCHOOL IS BEING CON-STRUCTED. SITES FOR THE OTHER FOUR SCHOOLS WERE TENTATIVELY LOCATED IN THE LAND USE PLAN. THESE INCLUDE A SITE FOR A NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ALONG THE GREENVILLE HIGHWAY, A SITE FOR A NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETWEEN EAST NASH STREET AND STANTONSBURG STREET, A SITE FOR A WHITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JUST WEST OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WARD BOULEVARD, AND A SITE FOR A WHITE ELEMENTARY school just below the New Public Housing Project in Planning District 5. RECREATION - THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF WILSON'S RECREATION PROGRAM ARE OUT-STANDING. INCLUDED ARE TWO WELL-EQUIPPED COMMUNITY CENTERS, TWO SWIMMING POOLS AND TWO WADING POOLS. SEVEN TENNIS COURTS AND APPROXIMATELY 100 ACRES OF LAND. RECENTLY, SEVERAL NEW PARK AREAS OF VARIOUS SIZE HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED. THE LARGEST OF THESE, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, IS ESPECIALLY WELL LOCATED. SEVERAL OTHER SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD-TYPE PARKS HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED OR ARE TO BE ACQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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SMALL NEIGHBORHOOO PARKS IN CLOSE WALKING DISTANCE TO NEARBY HOMES ARE PROBABLY THE GREATEST NEED OF THE RECREATION PROGRAM. THE ACQUISITION OF THESE SMALL PARKS BEFORE DEVELOPMENT OCCURS IS MANDATORY IF THIS NEED IS TO BE MET. COORDINATION WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD IN DEVELOPING WELL-EQUIPPED PLAYGROUNDS CAN BE BENEFICIAL FROM A COST STANDPOINT TO THE CITY. THESE KINDS OF FACILITIES OO NOT, HOWEVER, OVERCOME THE NEED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE MOTHER WITH SMALL CHILDREN. THE MANY DRAINAGE WAYS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY OFFER MANY EXCELLENT LOCATIONS AT MINIMUM COST FOR THESE PARKS.

STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS - MAJOR HIGHWAYS SERVING THE CITY INCLUDE US 264, US 301, US 117, NC 42 AND NC 58. IN ADDITION, INTERSTATE 95, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BY-PASS THE CITY ON THE WEST. THESE FACILITIES MAKE WILSON A TRANSPORTATION HUB FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

THE ADVANCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION INDICATES

IN ITS REPORT, North Carolina Highways, An Analysis of Long Range Needs, a need

FOR FIVE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM SERVING WILSON. THESE

IMPROVEMENTS, WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PRIORITIES SHOWN, ARE INDICATED

BELOW. ACCORDING TO THE ADVANCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SECOND PRIORITY PROJECTS

GENERALLY INDICATE CONGESTION OR DEFICIENCIES WHICH WILL BECOME APPARENT BETWEEN

1965 AND 1970. THIRD PRIORITY PROJECTS GENERALLY INDICATE CONGESTION OR

DEFICIENCIES WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE PERIOD FROM 1970 TO 1975.

- 1. US 264 The construction of an urban loop around Wilson from US 264 to a junction with NC 42 east, 3.5 miles. Second priority.
- Construction of a Western Crosstown Route and Underpass of Railroad in Wilson, 1.3 miles. (Includes a connection of Hines and Wiggins Streets) Second Priority.



- 3. CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE 95 FROM ROCKY MOUNT TO KENLY. THIRO
- 4. US 117 FREMONT TO WILSON, INCLUDING A CONNECTION WITH INTERSTATE 95, WICENING TO FOUR LANES CIVICEO, 15 MILES. THIRD PRIORITY.
- 5. GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF NC 42 AND POSSIBLE FOUR-LANING FROM WILSON EASTWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES. THIRD PRIORITY.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE NEW FACILITIES (ITEMS 1, 2, 3) INDICATED ABOVE WILL BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE TRAFFIC PATTERN OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE COMPLETION OF THE URBAN LOOP FROM RALEIGH ROAD TO LIBSCOMB ROAD WILL TIE ALL OF THE RADIAL STREETS TOGETHER, THEREBY REDUCING THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON THE INTERNAL PORTIONS OF THE RADIALS. IN ADDITION, IT WILL PROVIDE THE MAJOR FACILITY SOON TO BE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW GROWTH ON THE WEST.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN HINES AND WIGGINS STREETS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF WIGGINS STREET WILL SERVE THE QUAL PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING NASH AND BARNES STREETS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND OF PROVIDING A FACILITY TO SERVE THE INQUSTRIAL AREA TO THE SOUTH OF COUNTOWN.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE 95 TO THE WEST OF WILSON WILL ELIMINATE A MAJORITY OF THE INTERSTATE TRAFFIC ON US 301. However, THE BUILD-UP OF LOCAL TRAFFIC WITHIN THE REGION WILL REQUIRE THE CONTINUATION OF US 301 AS A MAJOR FACILITY. REMOVAL OF INTERSTATE TRAFFIC FROM THIS HIGHWAY WILL ENHANCE THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE URBAN LOOP AROUND THE CITY.

THE EFFECT THAT INTERSTATE 95 WILL HAVE ON GROWTH TO THE WEST OF WILSON IS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE. IT WILL MEAN AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ON THE WESTERN RADIAL STREETS WHICH HAVE INTERCHANGE WITH IT. APART FROM THIS AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OCCURING AT THESE INTERCHANGES, DIRECT EFFECT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE FELT FOR MANY YEARS.



FROM A REGIONAL VIEWPDINT, THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF US 117 FROM WILSON

TO WILMINGTON, TO INCLUDE FOUR-LANING OF ALL BUT A SHORT DISTANCE OF ITS LENGTH,

IS OF A GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CITY. THIS FACILITY IS LOCATED TO SERVE AS

THE GATEWAY TO A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF SOUTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND WILSON'S

LOCATION AS ITS NORTHERN TERMINAL COULD BE OF ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE. ALSO, THE

LOCATION OF THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN IT AND INTERSTATE 95 MIGHT SERVE AS

DNE LINK IN THE DUTER-LODP SYSTEM ON THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN SIDES OF THE CITY.

AN APPROXIMATE LOCATION FOR THIS DUTER LODP IS INDICATED IN THE FUTURE LAND USE

PLAN.

THE IMPROVEMENT AND FOUR-LANING OF THE CLOSE-IN PORTION OF NC 42 WILL IMPROVE ACCESS TO US 258 AND TARBORO. IF ANY APPRECIABLE DEGREE OF GROWTH SHOULD DCCUR NORTHEAST OF TDISNOT SWAMP, THIS IMPROVEMENT WILL BE URGENTLY NEEDED.

NATURE AND CAUSES OF BLIGHT

BLIGHT HAS BEEN DEFINED AS APPEARING IN SIMPLE AND COMPLEX FORMS. 3 SIMPLE FORMS OF BLIGHT INCLUDE SUCH PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS STRUCTURAL DETERIORATION, MISSING SANITATION FACILITIES, STRUCTURES IN DISREPAIR OR LACKING IN ELEMENTAL MAINTENANCE, PRESENCE OF TRASH AND RUBBISH ACCUMULATION IN YARDS, ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES SUCH AS NOISE, DDDRS, DUST AND MISSING COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, PLAYGROUNDS, PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND ADEQUATE STREETS AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES. USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH SIMPLE FORMS OF PHYSICAL BLIGHT ARE CERTAIN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF BLIGHT. INCLUDED ARE ABNORMALLY HIGH RATES OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, VENEREAL DISEASE AND SIMILAR RESULTS FROM DTHER HEALTH AND WELFARE INDICES;

^{3.} Chapin, F. Stuart, Jr., <u>Urban Land Use Planning</u>, Harper and Brdthers, pp. 232-233.



AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF BLIGHT INCLUDE CONCENTRATIONS OF TAX DELINQUENT

AND TAX TITLE PROPERTIES, DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES, AND THE PRESENCE OF A

LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDING VACANCIES. COMPLEX FORMS OF BLIGHT EXIST WHEN AN

AREA CONTAINS A MIXTURE OF INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES, OBSOLETE OR IMPRACTICAL

LAYOUT OF LOTS, BLOCKS, OR STREETS, UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS EXIST
ING OR POSSIBLE WHEN MARGINAL LAND IS IN USE, PARTICULARLY LAND SUBJECT TO

INTEREST IN THE CAUSES OF BLIGHT ARE FREDRS OF BOTH OMISSION AND COM-

MISSION. Some BLIGHT CAN BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE INDIFFERENCE, IGNORANCE, OR POOR FORESIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS, WHILE OTHER CASES ARE DUE TO FORCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF ANY GIVEN PERSON. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE FACTORS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO CAUSE OR ACCELERATE THE FORMULATION OF BLIGHT.

ABSENTEE OWNERSHIP - QUITE OFTEN WHEN PROPERTY OWNERS LIVE IN AREAS REMOVED FROM THEIR HOLDINGS, THEY ARE UNINFORMED OR MISINFORMED OF CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE AROUND THEIR PROPERTY. THE RESULT IS A FAILURE TO RESPOND OR ADJUST TO A CHANGING SITUATION. ALSO, ABSENTEE OWNERS FREQUENTLY LACK THE PRIDE WHICH ACCOMPANIES OCCUPYING ONE'S HOME. LACK OF PRIDE COUPLED WITH TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY OFTEN LEAD TO NEGLECT OF PROPERTY AND ITS CONSEQUENT

HOUSING SHORTAGE - A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FORCES PEOPLE TO SEEK SHELTER IN SUBSTANDARD HOUSING IN LIEU OF MORE DESIRABLE QUARTERS. IT ENCOURAGES OVERCROWDING,
IMPROPER CONVERSION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND THE LOWERING OF MAINTENANCE
STANDARDS IN MANY INSTANCES. ALSO, IN SOME CASES THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE HOUSING IS MET WITH CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES WHICH PROVE TO BE OF INADEQUATE MATERIAL
OR DESIGN.

^{4. &}lt;u>Neighborhood Analysis</u>, Division of Community Planning, Kinston, North Carolina, 1961.



ARTIFICIAL HOUSING SHORTAGES CAN BE CREATED IN OTHERWISE NORMAL TIMES BY DISCRIMINATION. THIS OCCURS WHEN MINORITY GROUPS ARE UNABLE TO CONTRACT FOR HOUSING ON THE OPEN MARKET REGARDLESS OF ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES. THE RESULT IS THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE FORCED INTO A LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA CREATING A DENSITY OF DANGEROUS PROPORTIONS. THIS CONGESTION LEADS TO INCREASED DANGER FROM FIRES, THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND OTHER HARMFUL AND UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS. ALSO, THE DEMAND UPON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES OVER AND ABOVE THEIR NORMAL OPERATING CAPABILITIES CAN LEAD TO THEIR RAPID AND PREMATURE LOSS OF VALUE.

THE ABSENCE, INADEQUATE FORMULATION, OR INEFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF CODES

AND ORDINANCES - THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOUND MUNICIPAL CODES AND ORDINANCES ARE
OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN MINIMIZING AND PREVENTING BLIGHT. THE ABSENCE,
OBSOLESCENCE DR INEFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC CODES,
AND ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES, PAST AND PRESENT, ARE PROBABLY THE MAJOR
UNDERLYING CAUSE OF THE URBAN BLIGHT UPON US TODAY. IN SOME CASES, ZONING
ORDINANCES HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPATIBLE SYSTEM OF LAND USE RELATIONS
OR FOR AMPLE OPEN SPACES. IN OTHER INSTANCES, THE FAILURE TO CONTROL THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND HAS PRODUCED IMPRACTICAL LAYDUT OF LOTS, STREETS AND BLOCKS
AND HAS ALLOWED THE PLATTING OF MARGINAL LAND. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOUND
LEGISLATION HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN RENDERED INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF IMPROPER
ENFORCEMENT.

Level of Governmental Services - The provision of adequate, well-administered public services are as important as adequate, well-administered regulations.

The failure to provide frequent garbage collection, proper street maintenance, and adequate water and sewer service can lead to neighborhood disinterest and decline. The level of governmental services can be an especially critical point in Borderine areas.



THE MIXING OF INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES, OVERZONING, AND SPOT ZONING - THE NEED OF ROOM FOR EXPANSION HAS CAUSED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES TO INVADE RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THIS NEED IS NATURAL AND THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN THE FAILURE TO ZONE ENOUGH PROPERTY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPANSION, BUT RATHER THE PRACTICE OF OVERZONING AND SPOT ZONING CHARACTERISTICALLY RESIDENTIAL LAND FOR SUCH PURPOSES. OVERZONING CREATES A CONSIDERABLE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN THE TIME LAND IS ALLOCATED FOR SUCH PURPOSES AND THE TIME AT WHICH SUCH DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY MATERIALIZES. THE EFFECT IS THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO HOMES ARE WITHHELD IN ANTICIPATION OF INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DETERIORATION RESULTS. SPOT ZONING ALLOWS INCOMPATIBLE USES TO LOCATE IN SELECTED SPOTS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS CREATING A BLIGHTING EFFECT ON THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES.

STEPS TOWARD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

INVOLVED IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL COMMUNITY ARE POLICIES FORMULATED BY THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE EXPRESSED THROUGH THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS.

THESE POLICIES ARE OF TWO MAGNITUDES--THOSE CONCERNED WITH NEW GROWTH AND THOSE
CONCERNED WITH CORRECTING, IMPROVING OR RENEWING THE "OLD" COMMUNITY. THE TWO
OVERLAP TO SOME EXTENT FOR THE ADDITION OF A PARK, SCHOOL, OR STREET WHERE LONG
NEEDED. BOTH IMPROVES THE OLD AND INFLUENCES THE NEW.

ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED HIGH PRIORITY BY MANY LOCAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

LIKEWISE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES BY OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCES THROUGH A FEDERALLY AIDED,

LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROGRAM OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT. AS USED IN THIS REPORT,

THE TERM "URBAN REDEVELOPMENT" INCLUDES ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND OVERALL LIVABILITY.

THESE ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM THE REPAIRING OR UPGRADING OF INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURES



BY PRIVATE OWNERS TO THE ACQUISITION, CLEARANCE, REPLANNING, AND RECEVELOPMENT

BY THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT.

THE FEOERALLY AIDED PROGRAM OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERTAKING THREE TYPES OF REDEVELOPMENT TREATMENT WITHIN THE

COMMUNITY. THESE THREE APPROACHES TO THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF OVERCOMING

BLIGHT INCLUDE:

CONSERVATION - DIRECTED TOWARD THE PREVENTION OF URBAN BLIGHT AND IS APPLIED TO AREAS WITH NO OR LITTLE BLIGHT. CONSERVATION INVOLVES CONSTANT MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES AND SURROUNDINGS, REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF MINIMUM HOUSING, BUILDING AND ZONING STANDARDS.

RECONDITIONING - DIRECTED TOWARD THE REVITALIZING OF SALVABLE AREAS, TURNING THEM INTO SOUND, HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS BY RE-PLANNING, REMOVING CONGESTION PROVIDING PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, REORGANIZING STREETS AND TRAFFIC, AND BY FACILITATING PHYSICAL REMODELING OF DETERIORATED STRUCTURES.

REDEVELOPMENT - DIRECTED TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, REHOUSING OF DISPLACED TENANTS, CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF BADLY BLIGHTED AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THOUGH THE THREE APPROACHES TO REDEVELOPMENT SPELLED OUT ABOVE FIRST

RECEIVED NATIONWIDE RECOGNITION AS A RESULT OF NATIONAL REDEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION, IN ACTUALITY MANY CITIES, INCLUDING WILSON, HAVE BEEN EMPLOYING THEM TO

SOME EXTENT OVER THE YEARS. THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF REDEVELOPMENT IS THAT

FOR THE FIRST TIME, CITIES HAVE A WAY TO REVITALIZE LARGE SLUM AREAS THROUGH

THE REBUILDING OF STRUCTURES, REPLATTING OF INADQUATE LOTS, REDESIGN OF POOR

STREET PATTERNS, PROVISION OF NEEDED COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHER ACTIONS

NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE CITY WITH THE UTILIZATION OF PRIVATE CAPITAL.

IN APPLYING TECHNIQUES OF REDEVELOPMENT, ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EXAMINATION OF EXISTING LOCAL CODES AND ORDINANCES. ALTHOUGH NOT AS DRAMATIC AS REDEVELOPMENT, THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL CODES AND ORDINANCES

THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY CAN DO MUCH TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT AND BLIGHT CAUSING



FACTORS. TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF REDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT FIRST HAVING ADEQUATE CODES AND ORDINANCES, WHICH ARE ADEQUATELY ADMINISTERED, WILL LEAD TO THE FAILURE OF ANY REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.



CHAPTER II

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS

THE DEGREE TO WHICH BLIGHT AND BLIGHTING INFLUENCES ARE PRESENT IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS REPORT. THIS SECTION ENTITLED COMMUNITY ANALYSIS TO A LARGE EXTENT SUMMARIZES THE FINDINGS PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION, NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS.

FACTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANALYZED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY INCLUDE HOUSING CONDITIONS, ADEQUACY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, THE PRESENCE OF MIXED LAND USE, FIRE CALLS AND BLIGHT RELATED FACTORS SUCH AS TUBERCULOSIS CASES, ILLIGITIMATE BIRTHS AND VENEREAL DISEASE CASES.

Housing Conditions - Housing conditions are probably the most easily observed determinant of blighted conditions. Two field surveys were used to evaluate housing conditions in the community, during the second of which each residential structure was graded based upon its exterior physical appearance from the fronting street. No attempt was made to determine internal deficiencies not readily appearant from the street. Even for external factors, a more detailed inspection of any single structure may prove the first evaluation incorrect, although on a community-wide basis, the evaluations are considered to be a valid indication of general conditions prevailing in the community.

Shown on Figure 3 is a generalized statement of housing conditions throughout the community. The areas in red represent compact pockets of substandard housing coupled with obsolete street and lot layout for which clearance and redevelopment is the only logical solution. The areas in blue are considered to be in a transition stage and if prompt and vigorous action is not taken to reverse "Downward trends" clearance and redevelopment will be required in the

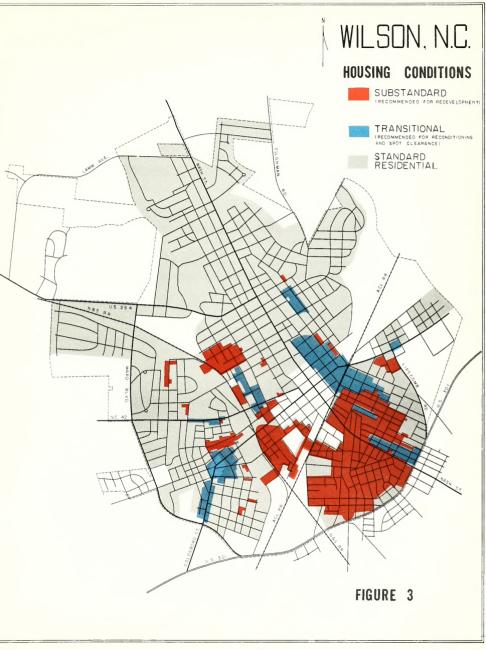


FUTURE. THE AREAS SHOWN IN GRAY ARE CONSIDERED SOUND FROM A HOUSING CONDITION STANDPOINT AND EXCEPT FOR NORMAL CONSERVATION PROCEDURES ARE NOT IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT TREATMENT.

During the field surveys, 6,734 residential structures were counted, of which 4,347 (64.6%) were occupied by white people and 2,381 (35.4%) were occupied by non-whites. Of the total structures, 2,100 or 31.2% were considered to be substandard. Non-white residents occupied 1,823, or 86.9%, of the substandard structures and white residents occupied 277, or 13.1%.

As Figure 3 Indicates. Wilson's greatest concentration of substanoaro STRUCTURES IS LOCATED EAST OF THE ACL RAILROAD. SEE APPENDIX TABLE 3, PLANNING DISTRICTS 10, 11, 12, AND 13. THERE ARE OTHER SMALLER CONCENTRATIONS OF SUBSTANDARO STRUCTURES WEST OF THE ACL RAILROAD WHERE ENVIRONMENTAL CON-DITIONS ARE EQUALLY AS POOR. THESE CONCENTRATIONS APPEAR IN PLANNING DISTRICTS 4 AND 7. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER AREAS WHICH SOON WILL BE BLIGHTED IF "UP-GRADING" IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE MOST NOTABLE OF THESE AREAS INCLUDE THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS JUST NORTH AND WEST OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND THE PROPERTIES SURROUNDING ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING WITHHELD IN THESE AREAS IN ANTICIPATION OF COMMERCIAL EXPANSION ASSOCIATED WITH "DOWNTOWN" AND WITH EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE. STREET CONDITIONS AND FIRE CALLS - WEST OF THE ACL RAILROAD, EXISTING STREET CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY GOOD ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF UNPAVED STREETS IN PLANNING DISTRICT 7. EAST OF THE RAILROAD, A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE EXISTING STREETS ARE UNPAVED. THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE LOCATION OF UNPAVED STREETS AND SUBSTANOARO HOUSING CONDITIONS IS APPARENT WHEN COMPARING FIGURES 3 ANO 4.







WILSON, N.C. -UNPAVED STREETS FIRE CALLS 1960 **FIGURE**



DURING 1960 THERE WERE 255 FIRE CALLS (NOT INCLUDING FALSE ALARMS) ANSWERED BY THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE GREATEST MAJORITY OF THESE CALLS WERE TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA JUST TO THE SOUTH OF IT.

FIRE CALLS TO THESE TWO AREAS REPRESENTED 27.1 PERCENT OF THE YEAR'S TOTAL.

THE AREA TO THE WEST OF THE ACL RAILROAD ACCOUNTED FOR 33.6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CALLS.

TUBERCULOSIS CASES - DURING 1960 THERE WERE 24 KNOWN CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE CITY. OF THESE CASES, 62.7 PERCENT OF 15 CASES WERE LOCATED IN PLANNING DISTRICTS 10, 11, AND 12. OF THE REMAINING 8 CASES, 6 WERE LOCATED IN AREAS OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING.

VENEREAL DISEASE CASES - THERE WERE 97 CASES OF VENEREAL DISEASE REPORTED TO THE WILSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OURING 1960. OF THESE CASES, 70.1 PERCENT OCCURRED EAST OF THE ACL RAILROAD IN PLANNING DISTRICTS 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13. THE REMAINING 20.9 PERCENT OF THE CASES OCCURRED IN PLANNING DISTRICTS 4, 7, 13 AND 15.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS - DURING 1960, 112 ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS OCCURRED IN THE CITY.

OF THIS TOTAL, 84 CASES OR 75.0 PERCENT OCCURRED EAST OF THE ACL RAILROAD. THE

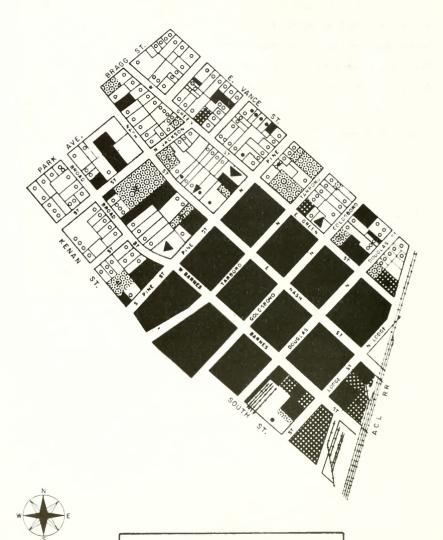
REMAINING 28 BIRTHS WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG PLANNING DISTRICTS 4, 5, 7, 13, 14

AND 15.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS

THE REMAINOER OF THIS REPORT PRESENTS A BRIEF SUMMARY ON EXISTING CONDITIONS

IN EACH OF THE 21 PLANNING DISTRICTS ENUMERATED FOR WILSON.



- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICT I

LOCATION: CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BOUNDARIES: VANCE STREET, ACL RAILROAD, KENAN STREET, PARK AVENUE, BRAGG STREET

<u>AREA</u>: 153 ACRES - 16.7 ACRES VACANT <u>POPULATION</u>: 1960 - 931, 1980 - 444

MAJOR PROBLEMS: TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, PARKING, MIXED LAND USE, OBSOLETE COMM.

BUILDINGS, OVER ZONING

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: SPOT CLEARANCE AND REHABILITATION IN SELECTED

AREAS; STABILIZATION OF ZONING PATTERN



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

PLANNING DISTRICT 1 CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THREE DISTINCT KINDS OF AREAS.

THE FIRST OF THESE CONSIST OF THE EIGHT-BLOCK AREA BOUNDED BY GREENE STREET,

THE ACL RAILROAD, BARNES STREET AND PINE STREET, COMPRISING THE "CORE" OF

RETAIL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY. DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS,

THERE HAS BEEN A HIGH DEGREE OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENT MADE IN THE "CORE"

AREA WEST OF GOLDSBORO STREET. EVIDENCE OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS IS CLEARLY

VISIBLE ALONG NASH AND TARBORO STREETS. THE AREA EAST OF GOLDSBORO STREET

IS IN A GENERAL STATE OF DECLINE THAT IS NOT LIKELY TO END UNLESS REMEDIAL

ACTION IS TAKEN. THIS AREA HAS THE DISADVANTAGE OF BEING ON THE FAR SIDE

FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE PURCHASING POWER IN THE COMMUNITY COMPLICATED BY

DIFFICULT ACCESS AND A LACK OF PARKING. IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THIS AREA AND

END THE OUT-MIGRATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, RENEWAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE REQUIRED.

THE SECOND TYPE OF AREA IS LOCATED WEST OF PINE STREET AND NORTH OF GREENE STREET AND IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE CONFLICT BETWEEN BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL USES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION OF THE "CORE" AREA INTO ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THESE AREAS ARE ZONED FOR BUSINESS AND A NUMBER OF MODERN BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ALONG NASH STREET RECENTLY. However, unless unforeseen EVENTS CREATING A DEMAND FOR MORE COMMERCIAL SPACE OCCUR, IT IS NOT LIKELY THESE AREAS WILL BECOME ALL COMMERCIAL ANY TIME SOON. THUS, THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE LARGE OLD HOMES AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. OF MORE IMPORTANCE, IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS CONFLICT WILL BE PERMITTED TO DEVELOP IN OTHER NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREAS THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONING IN DOWNTOWN WILSON.



THE THIRO AREA IS REPRESENTED BY HEAVY COMMERCIAL SEMI-INOUSTRIAL AREA

JUST SOUTH OF BARNES STREET. THE USES IN THIS AREA SERVE A VITAL FUNCTION IN

THE ECONOMY OF THE COMMUNITY. THOUGH INCOMPATIBLE WITH USES IN THE "CORE"

AREA, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO HAVE A RELATIVELY CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE

SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZEO CITY. EFFORTS TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE CONFLICT BETWEEN

THE RETAIL SECTION OF DOWNTOWN AND PRODUCTION-ORIENTED AREAS CAN BE PARTIALLY

OVERCOME BY THE PROPER LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES AND EFFORTS

TO OVERCOME THE PHYSICAL UNATTRACTIVENESS ASSOCIATED WITH PRODUCTION AREAS.

THE STREET PATTERN IN PLANNING DISTRICT 1 IS A TYPICAL GRIOIRON PATTERN.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE DISTRICT IS HAMPERED BY INADEQUATE STREET WIOTHS,

THE LACK OF A LOOP SYSTEM AROUND THE "CORE" AREA AND THE ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE

OFF-STREET PARKING.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 173 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIOING APPROXIMATELY 273 OWELL-ING UNITS IN THE DISTRICT. ALL OWELLINGS IN THE DISTRICT ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENCES IN THE DISTRICT ARE SLOWLY DETERIORATING, ONLY 10 WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD. MANY OF THE LARGE OLDER HOMES HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO APARTMENTS AND THIS TREND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INOEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	1	4.4
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0



1 NDE X	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
FIRE CALLS	39	15.3
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	10	0.4

3.4 PERCENT DF TOTAL POPULATION

4.0 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - Two ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SERVE THE DISTRICT NEITHER OF WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA ITSELF. However, Both are within close walking distance. The Hearne School Building is obsolete and some thought has been given to constructing a new Building. The existing Building is located on a site of 3.0 acres which is far below recommended standards; however, the presence of the recreation area adjacent to the school partially overcomes this problem.

THE 1960 ENROLLMENT OF THE SCHOOL WAS \$427 STUDENTS WITH AN AVERAGE OF 24 STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM. THE PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ESTIMATES THAT THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE 540 STUDENTS AND RECOMMENDS THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND TO SERVE THE SCHOOL.

WODDARD SCHOOL HAO AN ENROLLMENT OF 444 STUDENTS IN JANUARY, 1960 WITH AN AVERAGE OF 30 STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM. THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON A SITE OF DNLY 2.5 ACRES AND THE COST OF EXPANSION WOULD BE GREAT. THE SCHOOL HAS AN EXCELLENT LOCATION AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM. However, ITS SITE SIZE REQUIRES THAT ITS ENROLLMENT BE LIMITED. ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING ITS SIZE SHOULD BE EXPLOITED.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER IS RELATIVELY ACCESSIBLE

TD DTHER CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE

AREA. APART FROM THESE FACILITIES, THE DNLY DTHER RECREATION AREA SERVING THE

DISTRICT IS THE PLAYFIELD ACRDSS FROM HEARNE SCHOOL. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A

DEFINITE NEED FOR SMALL PLAY AREAS WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE DISTRICT, THE COST



OF LAND PROHIBITS THEIR ACQUISITION. IN ACCITION, THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION
SHOULD OFCLINE CONSIDERABLY QURING THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE MOST OBVIOUS CAUSE OF BLIGHT IN THE RESIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF THE

DISTRICT IS THE BASIC CONFLICT BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES. EXCESSIVE ZONING FOR OOWNTOWN BUSINESS USES HAS LED TO THE WITHHOLDING OF PROPER

MAINTENANCE AND NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS FOR MOST OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

IN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE LOCATING OF BUSINESS USES AWAY FROM THE

PRESENT "CORE" AREA IN WHAT ARE STILL RESIDENTIAL AREAS HAS ACCELERATED THE

OETERIORATION OF SEVERAL RESIDENCES IN THE DISTRICT.

A WIDE RANGE OF FACTORS HAS LEO TO THE OEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANOARO CONOITIONS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COMMERCIAL PORTION OF THE DISTRICT. INCLUDED

ARE THE FOLLOWING: THE GRADUAL ABANDONMENT OF THE EASTERN END OF THE "CORE"

BY THE BETTER RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS; A GREAT PART OF THE INVESTMENT IN NEW
BUILDINGS HAS OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THE PRESENT "CORE" AREA; THE FAILURE OF

SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG BARNES STREET AND EAST OF DOUGLAS STREET TO

PROPERLY MAINTAIN EXISTING STRUCTURES; A LACK OF PROPERLY LOCATED OFF-STREET

PARKING FACILITIES AND POOR VEHICULAR CIRCULATION; THE OVERLAPPING EFFECT OF

THE SLUM AREA JUST EAST OF THE ACL RAILROAD ON THE "CORE", AND, POOR ACCESS TO

THE "CORE" AREA.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE SOLUTION TO BLIGHT IN THE COMMERCIAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT WILL REQUIRE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS INVOLVING A GREAT MANY OIFFERENT PEOPLE. THE PROVISION OF MORE OFF-STREET PARKING WILL HELP, BUT IT IS ONLY ONE MANY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.



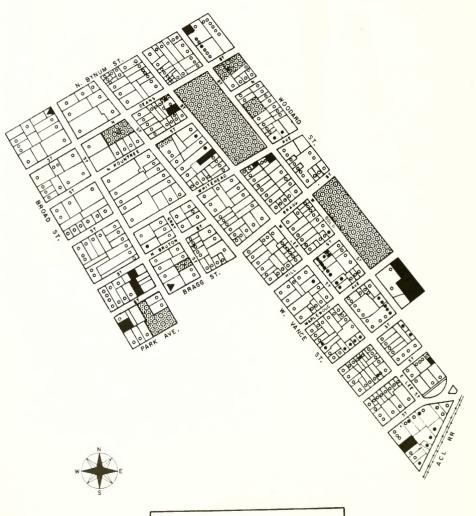
REMEDIAL TREATMENT

A DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DIRECT A REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THIS COMMITTEE IS TO MAKE AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR ITS REVITALIZATION.

THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE TO ORGANIZE PROPERTY
OWNERS AND MERCHANTS AND AT THE SAME TIME COORDINATE WITH THE CITY'S GOVERNMENT
SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE MACHINERY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT NEEDED PHYSICAL
IMPROVEMENTS. THE PREPARATION OF A DOWNTOWN PLAN IS NOTHING NEW; THE SECCESSFUL
IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A PLAN IS.

IT IS ALREADY OBVIOUS THAT ANY REMEDIAL ACTION IN THE CBD WILL INVOLVE
THE IMPROVEMENT OR CLEARANCE OF OBSOLETE BUILDINGS, THE PROVISION OF MORE
PROPERLY LOCATED PARKING, THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO AND CIRCULATION WITHIN
THE CBD, THE SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO THE EXTENT
POSSIBLE AND MANY OTHER PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS. WHAT IS NOT SO OBVIOUS BUT
EQUALLY AS FUNDAMENTAL TO ANY DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ARE THE NECESSARY
POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT ZONING, IMPROVEMENT COST SHARING, STAGING SCHEDULES,
AND FINANCING.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO A WELL THOUGHT-OUT PROGRAM OF REMEDIAL ACTION IS SURE
TO BE THE CONTINUED DECLINE OF A GREAT PART OF DOWNTOWN WILSON.



- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICTS 2 AND 3

LOCATION: NORTH AND WEST OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BOUNDARIES: WOODARD STREET, PINE STREET, GOLD STREET, ACL RAILROAD, VANCE

STREET, BRAGG STREET, NASH STREET, PARK AVENUE, BROAD STREET,

RALEIGH ROAD, BYNUM STREET

AREA: 182 ACRES - 3.4 ACRES VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 2,050, 1980 - 1,980

MAJOR PROBLEMS: SCATTERED POCKETS OF SUBSTANOARD HOUSING; LACK OF ROOM FOR EXPANSION OF ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE; INAOEQUATE RIGHTS-

OF-WAY ON MAJOR STREETS

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: SPOT CLEARANCE AND REHABILITATION OF STRUC-TURES THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD; CODE EN-FORCEMENT: LAND ACQUISITION FOR ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE; RECESIGN OF STREETS SYSTEM



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

EXCEPT FOR ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND TWO SMALL COMMERCIAL AREAS,
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS COMPOSED OF RESIDENTIAL TYPE USES. DURING THE PAST TEN
OR SO YEARS, THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S CLOSE-IN LOCATION HAS SERVED AS A DISADVANTAGE. HEAVY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND INCREASING CONGESTION AROUND THE COLLEGE AND
THE CBD HAS DETRACTED FROM PROPERTIES ALONG NASH, BARNES, LEE AND GOLD
STREETS. IN ADDITION, THE INSTABILITY OF THE ZONING PATTERN ALONG WEST NASH
STREET HAS CREATED A FEELING THAT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS LIKELY DURING

THE STREET SYSTEM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS INADEQUATE. IT IS CHARACTERIZED BY A LACK OF CONTINUOUS ALIGNMENT AND INADEQUATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY. ALSO, THE LACK OF A MAJOR STREET LEADING TO THE CBD FROM THE NORTH CAUSES TRAFFIC TO

THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY 15 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE 1951. However, a number of the LARGER STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO MULTI-FAMILY OCCUPANCY. IN A MAJORITY OF THE CASES, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN OFF-STREET PARKING, AND THE NUMBER OF CARS PARKED AT THE CURB IS SERIOUSLY REDUCING THE TRAFFIC CARRYING ABILITY OF CERTAIN STREETS.

THE MOST OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE SLOW BUT CLEARLY EVIDENT TRANSITION FROM A ONCE STABLE RESIDENTIAL AREA TO ONE OF GENERALLY SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS.

Housing Conditions

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTAINS 437 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 586 DWELLING UNITS. ALL DWELLINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE OCCUPIED BY
WHITE PERSONS. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, MANY OF THE RESIDENCES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE DETERIORATING, ESPECIALLY THOSE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE COLLEGE AND



THE CBD. OF THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, \$41 WERE CONSIDERED AS SUBSTANOARD.

THIS REPRESENTS 1.9 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SUBSTANOARD STRUCTURES IN THE CITY.

THERE ARE 85 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOO. MOST OF THESE ARE IN WHAT WERE ONCE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

INOEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	2	8.2
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	21	8.3
SUBSTANOARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	41	1.9

^{6.5} PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - WOODARO AND HEARNE SCHOOLS SERVE THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE HEARNE SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WOODARO IS ONLY ONE BLOCK FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

(FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THESE SCHOOLS, SEE PAGE 22). HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENO FIKE HIGH SCHOOL, AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ATTENO COON.

THE FUTURE SCHOOL NEEDS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD BE SERVED ADEQUATELY BY EXISTING SCHOOLS.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THE PLAYFIELO ACROSS FROM THE HEARNE SCHOOL IS THE ONLY PLAY AREA LOCATEO WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE RECREATION CENTER AND THE PARK ALONG GOLO PARK ROAD ARE ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

^{3.7} PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT



ALTHOUGH THE POPULATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS EXPECTED TO DECREASE SLIGHTLY BY 1980, A NEED FOR SEVERAL SMALL PLAY LOTS WITHIN THE AREA DOES EXIST.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES ARE

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

A WIDE RANGE OF FACTORS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE GRADUAL DETERIORATION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AROUND ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IS DUE PARTIALLY TO THE GRADUAL EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE GROUNDS. RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THIS AREA ARE SMALL AND IRREGULARLY PLATTED. THESE FACTORS PLUS THE HEAVY TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE COLLEGE, HAVE CREATED A CLUTTERED ENVIRONMENT FOR A TWO OR THREE BLOCK RADIUS AROUND THE MAIN CAMPUS OF THE COLLEGE.

THE ONLY OTHER CONCENTRATIONS OF BLIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE LOCATED

EAST OF HILL STREET. THIS AREA, LIKE THAT AROUND THE COLLEGE, HAS BEEN GRAD
UALLY DECLINING IN CHARACTER FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. HEAVY TRAFFIC

ALONG LEE AND GOLD STREETS HAS DETRACTED FROM THE RESIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE

AREA. HOWEVER, THESE STREETS OFFER THE BEST ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA ALONG

HERRING AVENUE AND MUST BE USED AS MAJOR THOROUGHFARES.

THE FAILURE OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE AREA TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY MAINTENANCE ON STRUCTURES IS OBVIOUS AND IS PROBABLY THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF BLIGHT THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

A PROGRAM OF STRICT CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE CITY'S INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

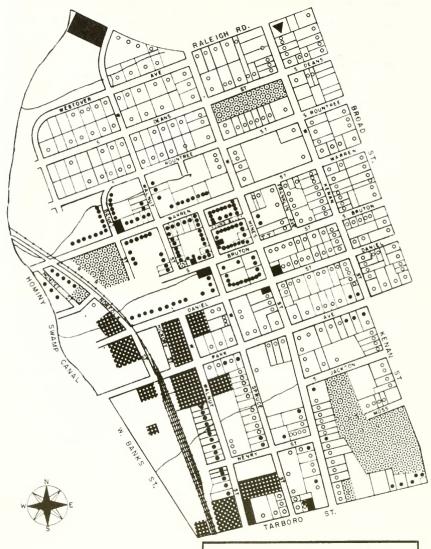
COUPLED WITH PRIVATELY INITIATED CONSERVATION, RECONDITIONING AND SPOT CLEAR
ANCE ACTIVITIES COULD REVERSE THE PRESENT DOWNWARD TREND WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

IN ADDITION, A STUDY BY THE COLLEGE OF ITS SPACE NEEDS COULD BE USED AS A GUIDE



FOR IMPROVEMENTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO THE COLLEGE GROUNDS.

Unless privately initiated action is taken within the near future, much of the area around the college and east of Bragg Street will have deteriorated to a point where clearance and redevelopment will be necessary.



- OSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



LOCATION: SOUTHWEST OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BOUNDARIES: RALEIGH ROAD, BROAD STREET, PARK AVENUE, KENAN STREET, TARBORD

STREET, HOMINEY SWAMP CANAL

AREA: 245 ACRES - 55.6 ACRES VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,898, 1980 - 1,757

MAJOR PROBLEMS: COMPACT POCKET OF SUBSTANOARO HOUSING; MIXEO LAND USE

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT; SPOT CLEARANCE



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS CHARACTERIZED BY CONDITIONS OF EXTREME CONTRAST.

WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A COMPACT POCKET OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING EQUAL TO THE WORST IN THE CITY. ALONG THE NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD

IS A CONCENTRATION OF WAREHOUSES, PETROLEUM BULK STATIONS AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

USES INTERMIXED WITH SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. APART FROM THESE TWO AREAS, ENVI-

THE STREET PATTERN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS REGULAR; AND EXCEPT FOR HINES STREET, NO MAJOR STREETS PASS THROUGH IT. WITHIN THE SUBSTANDARD PORTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, ALL STREETS ARE UNPAVED. OUTSIDE OF THIS AREA, STREET CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY GOOD.

THE AREA ALONG THE RAILROAD IS ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL USE AND SOME ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL TYPE DEVELOPMENT CAN BE EXPECTED. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, THE PHYSICAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA ALONG WALNUT STREET SHOULD IMPROVE. If PROPERLY DEVELOPED, THESE INDUSTRIES SHOULD NOT AFFECT FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

During the past ten years, 55 new residential structures have been built within the neighborhood. Approximately 20 of these are substanoard today while the remainder are substantial structures within a price range of \$12,000 to \$20,000. The older residential structures in the neighborhood are generally in good condition.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 489 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIOING APPROXIMATELY 565 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOO. OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES, 319 ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE PEOPLE AND 170 BY NON-WHITES.

THERE ARE 189 SUBSTANDARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOO. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS 9.0 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL SUBSTANDARO STRUCTURES.



APART FROM THE HIGHLY CONCENTRATED POCKET OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO SMALLER CONCENTRATIONS OF FIVE HOUSES EACH ARE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF KENAN STREET WITH PARK AVENUE AND TARBORO STREET.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	Number	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	4	4.1
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	8	7.1
FIRE CALLS	16	6.3
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	189	9.0

- 7.3 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 5.2 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - WOODARD SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SERVES THE WHITE ELEMENTARY AGE STUDENTS. (FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL, SEE PAGE 22). NEGRO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. This school is located more than a mile from the Negro residential AREA WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION, THE SCHOOL IS POORLY LOCATED AND OVERCROWDED. IN 1960, THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF 43 STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM IN THE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL'S LOCATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE TWO RAILROADS AND ACROSS FROM THE FERTILIZER PLANT DETRACTS FROM ITS UTILITY. THE SCHOOL BUILT IN 1958 HAS A SITE OF 3.7 ACRES AND AN ENROLLMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 430 STUDENTS.



BEFORE ANY ACTION TO BETTER THE NEGRO SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS IN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS TAKEN, THE POSSIBILITY OF CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT FOR

THE NEGRO SLUM AREA SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. A RELOCATION PROGRAM WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

C. L. COON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IS

EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. SHOULD A NEW JUNIOR

HIGH SCHOOL BE BUILT, THIS SCHOOL COULD BE CONVERTED INTO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THIS WOULD REDUCE THE LOAD ON WOODARD SCHOOL.

WHITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE, AND NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR

RECREATION FACILITIES - THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER IS ADJACENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S RESIDENTS. IN ADDITION, THE FACILITIES AT WOODARD AND COON SCHOOLS ARE AVAILABLE.

NEGRO FACILITIES CONSIST OF THE RECREATION AREA AT THE INTERSECTION OF
WARREN AND BANKS STREETS. THIS FACILITY IS WELL LOCATED. HOWEVER, DURING
PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER, POOR DRAINAGE RENDERS THIS FACILITY ALMOST USELESS.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

INADEQUATE ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION, HIGH STRUCTURAL DENSITY, AND THE ABSENCE
OF EVEN NOMINAL MAINTENANCE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF BLIGHT
WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, APPROXIMATELY 20 STRUCTURES LESS THAN TEN YEARS

OLD ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD FROM A STRUCTURAL STANDPOINT.

ALL OF THESE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON SMALL LOTS IN BLOCKS WITH A HIGH



STRUCTURAL OENSITY. SINCE THEIR CONSTRUCTION, THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 5,000 TO 6,000 SQUARE FEET. THIS INCREASE WILL HELP SOME, BUT IT APPEARS THAT ANY NEW STRUCTURES BUILT WITHIN THE PRESENTLY BLIGHTED AREA WILL SUFFER FROM PRESENT CONDITIONS.

EXTERNAL FACTORS, SUCH AS THROUGH TRAFFIC, ARE NOT PRESENT IN THE NEIGHBOR-

THE LACK OF SAFE AND SANITARY HOUSING FOR THE NEGRO POPULATION OF THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A FACTOR IN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANDARD AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. If NEW LAND FOR NEGRO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS MADE AVAILABLE EAST OF U. S. HIGHWAY 301 AND THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT, THE TREND FOR THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF SLUM AREAS MAY BE ARRESTED.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

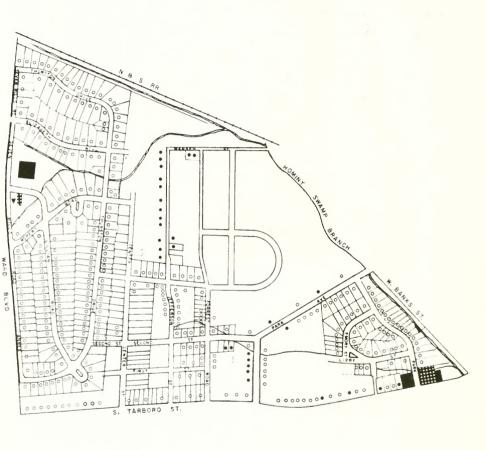
THE ONLY LOGICAL TREATMENT FOR THE LARGE AREA OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING IN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS COMPLETE CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, SPOT

CLEARANCE OF APPROXIMATELY TEN OTHER STRUCTURES IS NECESSARY. APART FROM THIS,

THE ONLY OTHER RENEWAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE NORMAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE CITY'S

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.



- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL





LOCATION: NORTH OF WARD BOULEVARD, WEST OF TARBORO STREET

Boundaries: Hominy Swamp Canal, Tarboro Street, Ward Boulevard, Norfolk and

SOUTHERN RAILROAD

AREA: 229 ACRES - 83.2 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,358, 1980 - 1,834

MAJOR PROBLEMS: SMALL POCKET OF SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ALONG

JEFFERSON STREET; LACK OF RECREATION SPACE WITHIN INTERIOR

OF DISTRICT.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: SPOT CLEARANCE; NORMAL CODE ENFORCEMENT



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

APART FROM TWO SMALL AREAS, THE ENVIRONMENT OF THIS DISTRICT IS COMPLETELY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER. PAST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS CONSISTED OF HOMES IN THE \$11,000 TO \$15,000 PRICE RANGE. DURING THE PAST YEAR, A 90-UNIT WHITE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS PROJECT IS COMPOSED OF TWO-FAMILY DUPLEXES, AND ITS APPEARANCE IS EXCELLENT. APPROXIMATELY 65 PERCENT OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT WERE BUILT DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

TWD SMALL CONCENTRATIONS OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSES ARE LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM THESE, STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT ARE EXCELLENT.

THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE DISTRICT IS EXCELLENT, AND NO MAJOR STREETS PASS

DIRECTLY THROUGH IT. APART FROM THE TWO POCKETS OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSES, THERE

DDES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY DELETERIOUS INFLUENCES PRESENT WHICH MIGHT DETRACT

FROM THE CONTINUED SDUNDNESS OF THIS DISTRICT.

Housing Conditions

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTAINS 384 PRIVATELY DWNED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WHICH PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 392 DWELLING UNITS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 90 PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS IN THE DISTRICT. DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, 252 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 65.6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE UNIT. OF THE 384 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, 368 ARE DCCUPIED BY WHITE AND 16 BY NON-WHITE POPULATION.

THERE ARE 30 SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE DISTRICT WHICH REPRESENT 1.4 PERCENT DF THE CITY'S TOTAL. OF THESE, 16 ARE DCCUPIED BY NON-WHITE AND 14 BY WHITE PDPULATION. THE 16 NON-WHITE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES ARE CONCENTRATED IN ONE POCKET ALDNG JEFFERSON STREET. THE 14 WHITE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE DISTRICT ALDNG TARBORD STREET AND PARK AVENUE. None of the Substandard STRUCTURES WERE BUILT DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

THE AREA ALONG TARBORO STREET BETWEEN PARK DRIVE AND PARK AVENUE CONTAINS
THE OLDEST HOMES IN THE DISTRICT; AND AT THE PRESENT, THERE ARE 17 HOMES IN
THIS AREA. FOUR OF THESE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD, AND SEVERAL OF THE
OTHERS ARE OBVIOUSLY DETERIORATING TO A POINT WHERE THEY SOON WILL BE. THE
AREA IS ZONED RESIDENTIAL AND SHOULD CONTINUE SO. BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO REVERSE THE PRESENT DOWNWARD TREND IN THIS AREA.
THESE EFFORTS SHOULD INVOLVE SPOT CLEARANCE OF SEVERAL STRUCTURES AND THE
COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF SEVERAL MORE.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
Tuberculosis Cases	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	1	0.9
FIRE CALLS	2	0.8
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	30	1.8

- 5.0 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 0.5 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND THE WOODARD AND WINSTEAD SCHOOLS. BOTH OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILE FROM THE CENTER OF THE DISTRICT. THE ADEQUACY OF THE WOODARD SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 22. THE WINSTEAD SCHOOL, BUILT IN 1922, HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 825 IN JANUARY, 1960, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 36 STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM. IN ADDITION TO BEING OVERCROWDED, THE SCHOOL HAS A



SMALL SITE OF 4.4 ACRES LOCATED AT WARD BOULEVARD AND DOWNING STREET. THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET FROM THE EOGE OF THE WARD BOULEVARD PAVEMENT AND IS DIRECTLY ACRDSS DOWNING STREET FROM A PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER. THIS SHOPPING CENTER SITE WAS RECENTLY REZONED FROM RESI-

AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS THE MDST PRESSING COMMUNITY FACILITY NEED IN THE DISTRICT. AN EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR A SCHOOL IS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE PUBLIC HDUSING PROJECT. THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSES A SCHOOL IN THIS AREA. THIS AREA IS THE ONLY REMAINING AVAILABLE LAND IN THE DISTRICT AND SHOULD BE ACQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A SCHOOL, THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND WOULD PERMIT THE DEMOLISHING OF SIXTEEN OF THE THIRTY SUBSTANDARD RESIDENCES IN THE DISTRICT. THESE SIXTEEN STRUCTURES ARE LITTLE MORE THAN SHACKS AND COULD BE ACQUIRED INEXPENSIVELY.

THE SMALL NUMBER OF NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND ADAMS SCHOOL.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND EITHER COON OR DARDEN SCHOOLS. HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND DARDEN AND FIKE HIGH SCHOOLS.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE ARE NO PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT THE PRESENT TIME. RECENT PLANS CALL FDR A SMALL PARK TO BE OEVELOPED BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT AND THE HOMINY SWAMP CANAL. THIS PARK WILL SERVE THE PROJECT ADEQUATELY. THE FLEMMING STADIUM FACILITIES ARE ADJACENT TO THE DISTRICT AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO OLDER CHILDREN.

A DEFINITE NEED FOR RECREATION FACILITIES FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN EXISTS IN THE DISTRICT. SHOULD A NEW SCHOOL BE BUILT IN THE DISTRICT, A PORTION OF ITS SITE COULD BE SEGREGATED FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN. THIS REPRESENTS ABOUT THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THIS NEED.



OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, PUBLIC WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE ONLY EVICENT CAUSES OF BLIGHT ARE INADEQUATE ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION

AND A LACK OF NOMINAL MAINTENANCE.

THE 16 SUBSTANOARO STRUCTURES ALONG JEFFERSON STREET WERE INADEQUATELY CONSTRUCTED AND HAVE RECEIVED PRACTICALLY NO MAINTENANCE. THE OTHER 14 SUBSTANOARO STRUCTURES ARE MOSTLY LARGE FRAME HOUSES WHICH HAVE RECEIVED POOR MAINTENANCE.

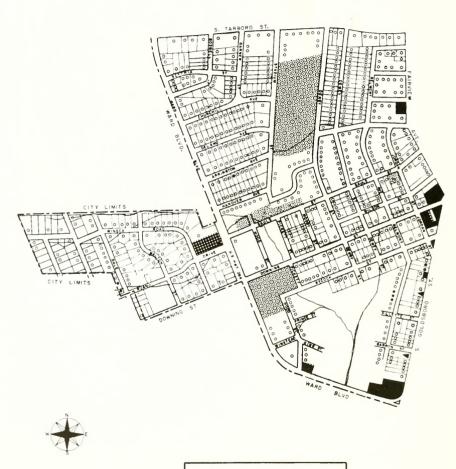
REMEDIAL TREATMENT

THE CLEARANCE OF THE SIXTEEN BAOLY BLIGHTEO RESIDENCES ALONG JEFFERSON

STREET AND THE SPOT CLEARANCE OR REHABILITATION OF THE OTHER FOURTEEN SUB
STANDARD STRUCTURES IS THE PRINCIPAL REMEDIAL ACTION NEEDED IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM THIS, NORMAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE CITY'S INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

IS THE ONLY OTHER REQUIRED REMEDIAL ACTION.



- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



LOCATION: SOUTH OF FIVE POINTS

BOUNDARIES: FAIRVIEW AVENUE, GOLOSBORD STREET, WARD BOULEVARD, CITY LIMITS,

TARBORO STREET

AREA: 261 ACRES - 40.7 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 2,205, 1980 - 2,172

MAJOR PROBLEMS: CONFLICT BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES, POOR

DRAINAGE AROUNO FLEMMING STACIUM AREA.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: SPOT CLEARANCE OF SUBSTANDARD RESIDENCES; STRICT

CODE ENFORCEMENT; STABILIZE ZONING PATTERN



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

THIS DISTRICT IS COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES BUILT SINCE 1945. THERE ARE FOUR SEPARATE AREAS ZONEO COMMERCIAL ALONG THE BOUNDARY STREETS OF THE DISTRICT. OF THESE FOUR AREAS, FIVE POINTS IS THE ONLY ONE PRESENTLY DEVELOPED.

Homes within the older portions of the District are primarily of frametype construction in the general price range of \$10,000 to \$12,000. There is
some evidence of poor maintenance, but the vast majority of the homes in the
District are well kept. The residential area immediately south of Five Points
and along Golosboro Street suffers from its close proximity to business uses.
Homes in these areas are the oldest in the District and have suffered most
from Poor Maintenance.

STREET CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT ARE GOOD WITH ONLY FOUR BLOCKS OF UNPAVED STREETS PRESENT.

Automobile traffic generated by athletic events at Flemming Stacium oetracts to some extent from adjacent residences. However, the street orientation around the stacium is designed to provide maximum protection.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 622 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 641 OWELLING UNITS. ALL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE POPULATION. DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1951 TO JULY 1, 1961, 261 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 15.5 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OURING THE TEN YEAR PERIOD.

THE LAND USE SURVEY REVEALED ONLY FIVE SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 0.3 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES. IN ADDITION TO THESE FIVE, A NUMBER OF STRUCTURES AROUND THE FIVE POINTS' AREA AND ALONG GOLOSBORD STREET WILL SOON BE SUBSTANDARD IF NOT UPGRADED.

THE ENTIRE AREA INCLUOED WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS ZONED SO AS TO PERMIT MULTI-FAMILY OWELLINGS. However, most of the homes in the District are located on Lots which do not meet the zoning requirements for multi-family owellings. The City's Inspection Department should maintain rigio owelling density standards within the OLOER BUILT-UP AREAS OF THE DISTRICT. To a LARGE EXTENT, THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE PROVIDED THIS AREA OF THE COMMUNITY WILL DETERMINE ITS FUTURE DESIRABILITY.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INOEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	16	6.3
SUBSTANDARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	5	0.3

^{8.1} PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THE WINSTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND SERVES THE DISTRICT'S ELEMENTARY STUDENTS. THIS SCHOOL HAS AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM AND AN INADEQUATE SITE. (SEE PAGE 37).

Should a New Elementary School be Constructed in Planning District 5, the number of Students attending Winstead School could be reduced. This appears to be the logical solution to the Elementary School Needs of Districts 5 and 6. Should this occur, the Winstead School would serve adequately the school needs of District 6.

^{1.3} PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND C. L. COON SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE. THERE ARE NO NEGRO STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

RECREATION FACILITIES - FLEMMING STADIUM AND FIVE POINTS PARK ARE LOCATED
WITHIN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT WOODARD SCHOOL
ARE AVAILABLE. DURING THE SUMMER, A FULL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES IS PROVIDED AT
THE STADIUM. THIS FACILITY PLUS THOSE AT THE SCHOOL AND THE PARK ADEQUATELY
SERVE THE RECREATION NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY SEWER, WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IMPROVEMENT IN THE STORM ORAINAGE SYSTEM

IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE DISTRICT IS BAOLY NEEDED. THE ORAINAGE WAY FOR

THIS AREA CONSISTS OF AN OPEN OITCH WHICH IS PIPEO UNDER WARD BOULEVARD. THE

CHANNEL OF THIS FACILITY IS INADEQUATE AND CAUSES WATER TO BACK UP OURING

PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE THE LACK OF PROPER MAINTENANCE AND THE BASIC CONFLICT BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USES.

WHILE ONLY TWO OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ALONG GOLOSBORO STREET ARE SUBSTANDARO, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ALONG THE STREET AND AROUND THE FIVE POINTS' BUSINESS AREA ARE BELOW STANDARO IN THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT. THIS GRADUAL DETERIORATION HAS RESULTED FROM THE INCREASED TRAFFIC ALONG GOLOSBORO STREET AND A LACK OF MAINTENANCE.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

THE ONLY BLIGHT PRESENT IS LOCATED AROUND THE FIVE POINTS' AREA AND ALONG OR NEARBY GOLOSBORD STREET. PRIMARILY, THIS BLIGHT IS ENVIRONMENTAL RATHER THAN STRUCTURAL. THE OLOER HOMES IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO THE BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE INCREASED TRAFFIC ALONG GOLDSBORD STREET.



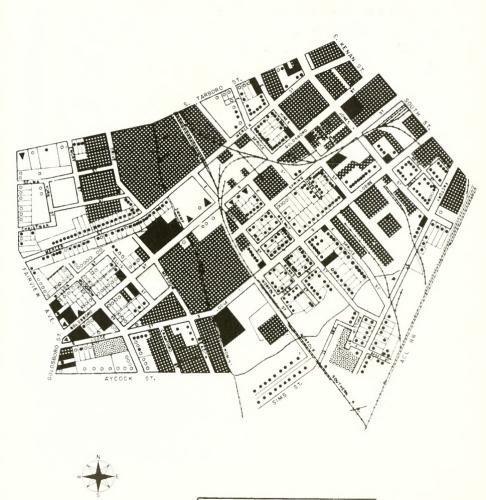
THROUGH BETTER MAINTENANCE AND THE REMOVAL OF JUNK AND TRASH COLLECTION

FROM MOST OF THE LOTS IN THESE AREAS, CONDITIONS COULD BE IMPROVED. APART FROM

A GENERAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN AND LIMITED STRUCTURAL CLEARANCE, THE ONLY REMEDIAL

TREATMENT NEEDED IS THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA PRESENTLY ZONED FOR BUSINESS

ALONG GOLOSBORD STREET. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL CONFLICT.



O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL

• SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



LOCATION: SOUTHEAST OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BOUNDARIES: KENAN STREET, SOUTH STREET, ACL RAILROAD, NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN

RAILROAD, MALPASS DRIVE, AYCOCK STREET, FAIRVIEW AVENUE, TARBORO

STREET

AREA: 279.2 ACRES - 46.2 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 2,331, 1980 - 1,760

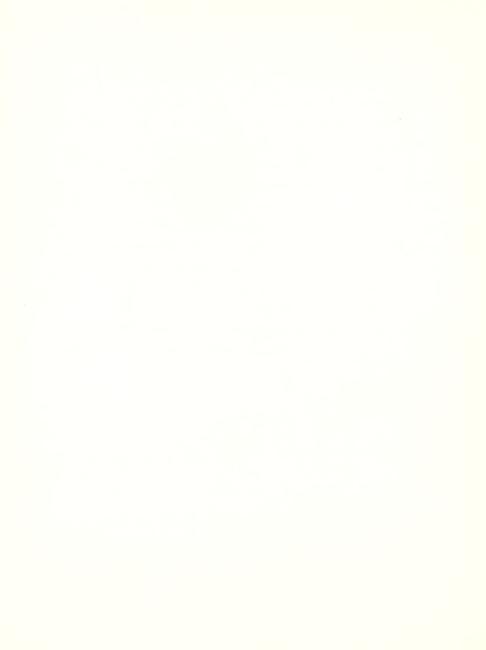
MAJOR PROBLEMS: CONCENTRATION OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING; MIXED LAND USES

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT



CONDITIONS WITHIN THIS DISTRICT ARE AMOUND THE CITY'S WORST. THE DISTRICT IS CHARACTERIZED BY MIXED INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND USES, FOUR POCKETS OF COMPACT RESIDENTIAL SLUMS, AND POOR STREET CONDITIONS AND LAY OUT. WITHIN THE DISTRICT, THERE IS NO SINGLE AREA FREE FROM ONE OR MORE INDEX OR BLIGHT. THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF MEADOW STREET IS NOT AS BLIGHTED AS THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT; BUT APART FROM ONE OR TWO BLOCKS ALONG FAIRVIEW AVENUE, THIS AREA IS CLEARLY IN A STATE OF TRANSITION FROM STANDARD TO SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS. THIS IS DUE LARGELY TO THE EXPANSION OF THE FIVE POINTS BUSINESS AREA AND A GENERAL LACK OF MAINTENANCE. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A ROW OF 56 SUBSTANDARO STRUCTURES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF MERCER STREET WHICH EXTEND OWN INTO THIS AREA. AS LONG AS THESE STRUCTURES REMAIN, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE "DOWNWARD" TREND WILL BE REVERSED.

AT THE PRESENT, THERE IS A 50-UNIT NEGRO PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT BEING CONSTRUCTED JUST WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE ACL AND NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROADS. THE LAND INCLUDED WITHIN THIS PROJECT AND THE AREA DISCUSSEO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH ARE THE ONLY AREAS PRESENTLY ZONED RESIDENTIAL WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE HOUSING PROJECT IS BOUNDED BY INDUSTRIAL USES ON TWO SIDES, ONE OF WHICH IS A FERTILIZER PLANT, AND BY SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ON THE OTHER TWO SIDES. IT APPEARS THAT THE BEST SOLUTION TO IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AROUND THE PROJECT IS FOR ITS AREA TO BE INCREASED. THE ZONING ORDINANCE DOES NOT PERMIT RESIDENCES TO BE BUILT IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, AND IT APPEARS THAT THIS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE LAND AROUND THE PROJECT. THEREFORE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUFFER AREA AROUND THE PROJECT SEEMS TO BE THE MOST FEASIBLE SOLUTION.



Housing Conditions

There are 489 residential structures providing approximately 590 dwelling units within the District. Of the total structures, 342 are occupied by non-white and 147 by white population. Within the District, approximately 77 percent or 377 of the residential structures are in a substandard condition.

SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS UNPAINTED, OF FRAME CONSTRUCTION, AND AT LEAST 20 YEARS OLD. DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD, FROM JULY 1, 1951 TO JULY 1, 1961, ONLY 29 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, REPRESENTING 1.7 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THAT PERIOD, WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	4	16.7
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	21	21.7
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	18	16.1
FIRE CALLS	30	11.8
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	377	18.2

^{8.2} PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION

17.1 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND IS ATTENDED BY THE DISTRICT'S NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. AS INDICATED ON PAGE 32 , THIS SCHOOL IS OVERCROWDED AND IS LOCATED ON AN INADEQUATE SITE.



AT THE PRESENT, THE SCHOOL IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO MOST OF THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. IT IS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT AFTER THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IS COMPLETED THAT SOME STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE TO ATTEND SOME OTHER SCHOOL. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF THERE IS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

WHITE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND WINSTEAD SCHOOL GENERALLY. HOWEVER, A FEW STUDENTS LIVING ALONG TARBORO STREET ATTEND WOODARD SCHOOL. THE ADEQUACY OF THESE SCHOOLS IS DISCUSSED ON PAGES 37 AND 22.

WHITE AND NEGRO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE AND DARDEN HIGH SCHOOLS

RECREATION FACILITIES - APART FROM THE PLAY SPACE AT AGAMS SCHOOL FOR NEGRO CHILDREN, THERE IS NO OTHER RECREATION SPACE OR FACILITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

WHITE CHILDREN USE THE FACILITIES AT THE FIVE POINTS PARK, THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND FLEMMING STAGIUM.

PROVIDED THAT THE ZONING PATTERN IS NOT CHANGED TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT APART FROM THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, THE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO THE RECREATION FACILITY NEEDS OF THE POPULATION LIVING WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE DISTRICT IS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT.

SHOULD THE RESIDENTIAL SLUMS AROUND THE PROJECT BE CLEARED THROUGH AN URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM, RECREATION SPACE AS A TYPE OF RE-USE CAN BE PROVIDED.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY SEWER, WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THIS DISTRICT IS EXTREMELY POOR. DUE TO STREET CONDITIONS AND A LACK OF ANY ARTIFICIAL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, WATER IS BACKED UP DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL THROUGHOUT THE BLIGHTED PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.



THE GRADUAL BUILD-UP OF SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS IN THIS DISTRICT DATES BACK
TO THE TIME WHEN WILSON BEGAN TO EXPAND AS A TOBACCO MARKET. AT THIS TIME, A
CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF TOBACCO WAREHOUSES AND TOBACCO ORIENTED INDUSTRIES WERE
LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE AREA NOW COMPRISING
THIS DISTRICT. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE FACILITIES DETERMINED THE INDUSTRIAL
CHARACTER OF THE AREA. HOWEVER, THROUGH POOR STREET LAY-OUT AND A SCATTERATION
PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT, CONSIDERABLY MORE LAND THAN COULD BE ABSORBED INTO
INDUSTRIAL USE, IN ADDITION TO BITS AND PIECES OF LEFT-OVER LAND, WAS GIVEN AN
INDUSTRIAL CHARACTER. SINCE THAT TIME, A GRADUAL FILLING IN OF RESIDENTIAL
USES HAS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT ON THIS LAND. IN MOST CASES, THESE
RESIDENCES WERE OF THE CHEAPEST CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND WERE OF A "SHOTGUN"
TYPE. IN AFFECT, MOST OF THE STRUCTURES NOW CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD WERE
BELOW MINIMUM STANDARDS WHEN FIRST OCCUPIED. THIS FACTOR, PLUS THE ATTRITION
FROM A LACK OF MAINTENANCE AND POOR ENVIRONMENT, ACCOUNTS FOR EXISTING CON-

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

THE FIRST STEP IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS ENTIRE DISTRICT SHOULD BE THE PREPARATION OF A GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN. THIS PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF A DETAILED SITE PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE DISTRICT AND, IN ADDITION, WOULD SUBDIVIDE THE DISTRICT INTO SINGLE PROJECT-SIZED SUBAREAS WITH PRIORITIES FOR REDEVELOPMENT ASSIGNED TO EACH.

IT APPEARS THAT ANY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE FOR

THE RETENTION OF MOST OF THE INDUSTRIAL USES PRESENTLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

HOWEVER, SHOULD THERE NOT BE A DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

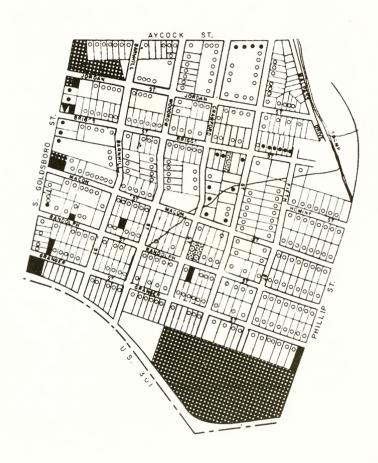
WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SOME TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL RE-USE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR AREAS

PRESENTLY DEVOTED TO SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. IF SUCH IS THE CASE, CAREFUL PLANNING



MUST BE USED TO AVOID THE EVER PRESENT CONFLICT WHICH OCCURS IN MOST AREAS OF

A FORMAL REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THIS DISTRICT APPEARS TO BE A NUMBER OF
YEARS OFF. Until then, the City's Inspection Department should enforce the
ZONING ORDINANCE WHICH DOES NOT NOW PERMIT RESIDENCES TO BE BUILT IN INDUSTRIAL
ZONES AND THE VARIOUS OTHER BUILDING AND HOUSING CODES AND ORDINANCES.





- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICT 8

LOCATION: NORTH OF WARD BOULEVARD, EAST OF GOLOSBORD STREET

BOUNDARIES: AYCOCK STREET, HOMINY SWAMP CANAL, PHILLIP STREET, WARD BOULEVARD,

South Golosboro Street

AREA: 150.7 ACRES - 23.2 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,292, 1980 - 1,404

MAJOR PROBLEMS: SEVERAL SMALL POCKETS OF SUBSTANDARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: SPOT CLEARANCE AND/OR STRUCTURAL RECONDITIONING OF SUBSTANDARD RESIDENCES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT



This District is composed almost entirely of single-family residential structures most of which have been built since 19^45 . Houses within the District range in value from \$8,000 to \$11,000.

THE DISTRICT HAS A GRIOIRON STREET PATTERN WITH ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL STREET AREA UNPAVEO. OTHERWISE, STREET CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY GOOD. THE TYPICAL LOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT HAS AN AREA OF 6,000 SQUARE FEET WITH A 50-FOOT WIOTH.

THREE AREAS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING APPEAR ALONG THE DISTRICT'S
BOUNDARY STREETS. THESE INCLUDE THE BUSINESS AREA AT THE FIVE POINTS'
BUSINESS DISTRICT, THE BANK PROPERTY AT THE WARD BOULEVARD-GOLOSBORD STREET
INTERSECTION, AND THE AREA USED BY THE LARGE TOBACCO STORAGE WAREHOUSE JUST
BELOW GRANGER STREET. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SEVERAL "MOM AND POP" NONCONFORMING GROCERY STORES IN THE INTERIOR OF THE DISTRICT.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 354 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 377 OWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. FIVE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE OCCUPIED BY NON-WHITE POPULATION. OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES, 24 ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD. THIS REPRESENTS 1.2 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES.

AS INDICATED ON THE DISTRICT MAP, THE SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE CONCENTRATED IN FOUR AREAS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THOSE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE BLOCK BETWEEN BRIGGS, CRAWFORD, MACON AND MEADOW STREETS AND THOSE ALONG BRIGGS STREET EAST OF MEADOW STREET CAN BE RETURNED TO A STANDARD CONDITION BY REHABILITATION. THE REMAINING TWO AREAS OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING ARE IN NEED OF CLEARANCE.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1951 TO JULY 1, 1961, 127 NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 7.6 PERCENT OF



CITY'S TOTAL RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD. APART FROM THOSE STRUCTURES ALONG GOLDSBORO STREET, MOST OF THE REMAINING ONES WERE BUILT BETWEEN 1945 AND 1951.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	9	3.5
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	24	1.2

- 4.7 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 0.9 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - WHITE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND WINSTEAD SCHOOL. THIS SCHOOL IS
LOCATED WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S
STUDENTS. FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE ADEQUACY OF WINSTEAD SCHOOL, SEE PAGE 37

NON-WHITE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND ADAMS SCHOOL.

WHITE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND COON SCHOOL AND WHITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE SCHOOL. NEGRO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND DARDEN SCHOOL.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE ARE NO PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE NEAREST FACILITIES FOR WHITE CHILDREN ARE LOCATED AT THE FIVE POINTS PARK AND AT FLEMMING STADIUM.

It is recommended that one more small play area for young children be developed within the interior of the District.



OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, PUBLIC WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

CAUSES DF BLIGHT

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN A LACK OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE. APART FROM THIS, THE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES ALONG GDLDSBDRD STREET HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE STEADY BUILD-UP OF TRAFFIC ON GDLDSBDRD STREET AND BY BEING PLACED IN A BUSINESS ZDNING CATEGORY.

THERE ARE NO INTERNAL INFLUENCES WITHIN THE DISTRICT WHICH WOULD BE

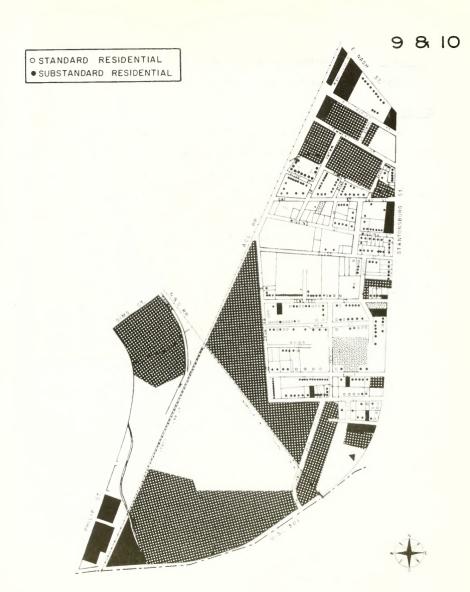
LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLIGHT, OTHER THAN THE PRESENCE OF THE

EXISTING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES ALDNG GDLDSBORO STREET WILL BE GRADUALLY REPLACED BY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. THE DTHER THREE PDCKETS DF SUBSTANDARD RESIDENCES ARE IN NEED DF IMMEDIATE RECONDITIONING DR SPDT CLEARANCE. THESE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY. THE CITY'S INSPECTION DEPARTMENT SHOULD INVESTIGATE THESE STRUCTURES FOR PDSSIBLE CDDE VIDIATIONS.

APART FROM THESE ACTIVITIES, NDRMAL CODE ENFORCEMENT IS THE DNLY DTHER
TREATMENT REQUIRED IN THIS DISTRICT.





PLANNING DISTRICTS 9 AND 10

LOCATION: EAST OF ACL RAILROAD, WEST OF STANTONSBURG STREET

BOUNDARIES: EAST NASH STREET, STANTONSBURG STREET, U. S. 301, PHILLIP STREET,

SIMS STREET, ACL RAILROAD

AREA: 260 ACRES - 68 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,850, 1980 - 1,735

MAJOR PROBLEMS: SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, MIXED LAND USE, POOR STREET CONDITIONS

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT



INDUSTRIAL USES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF
THIS DISTRICT. IN BETWEEN THESE USES IS A SUBSTANTIAL-SIZED AREA OF NONWHITE HOUSING. THAT PART OF THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS SHOWN AS PLANNING DISTRICT

9 ON FIGURE , IS COMPLETELY INDUSTRIAL IN CHARACTER EXCEPT FOR TWO BLOCKS OF
RESIDENCES ALONG LINCOLN STREET. THIS AREA CONTAINS SOME OF THE BEST INDUSTRIAL
LAND IN THE COMMUNITY. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE CITY'S OLD SEWAGE TREATMENT
PLANT IS LOCATED WITHIN THIS PART OF THE DISTRICT, BUT IT WILL MOST LIKELY BE
PHASED OUT OF OPERATION DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THIS WILL ENHANCE THE
INDUSTRIAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA EVEN MORE.

THE CENTRAL PART OF THIS DISTRICT IS RESIDENTIAL EXCEPT FOR SCATTERED NONCONFORMING COMMERCIAL USES. PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE RESIDENCES WITHIN THIS AREA
ARE SUBSTANDARD.

THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DISTRICT CONTAINS HEAVY INDUSTRIAL USES AND A

STREET CONDITIONS ARE POOR THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT; AND EXCEPT FOR THE BOUNDARY STREETS, MOST STREETS ARE UNPAVED.

THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE RESIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA TO THE NORTH IS EXTREMELY POOR. HOWEVER, A 58-UNIT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS PROJECT, APPROXIMATELY 30 SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED. THIS PROJECT WILL IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY THE RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF THE DISTRICT. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE BOUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY SUBSTANOARD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND BY THE ACL RAILROAD ON THE FOURTH SIDE.



Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 317 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 433 DWELLING UNITS. ALL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE OCCUPIED BY NEGRO POPULATION. OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OR 255 ARE SUBSTANDARD. THIS REPRESENTS 12.1 PERCENT: OF THE CITY'S TOTAL SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES.

MOST RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE UNPAINTED, LOCATED ON LOTS OF LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET AND ON AN UNPAVED STREET. TYPICAL VALUES ARE LESS THAN \$5,000.

During the period from July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1961, 56 residential STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 3.3 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

INDEX	Number	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	6	25.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	14	14.3
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	20	17.9
FIRE CALLS	15	5.9
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	255	12.1

^{6.7} PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION

15.0 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - ELVIE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND SERVES ALL NEGRO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS. IN JANUARY, 1960, THIS SCHOOL HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 1,068 STUDENTS WITH AN AVERAGE OF 34 PUPILS PER CLASSROOM.



THE SCHOOL BUILDING, BUILT IN 1951, IS LOCATED ON A SITE OF 3.6 ACRES. THE SCHOOL'S LOCATION IS ADEQUATE AND IT SHOULD REMAIN SO INDEFINITELY. THE SITE AREA SHOULD BE INCREASED IF AND WHEN FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL LAND.

A NEW NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PROVIDING 16 CLASSROOMS, HAS BEEN RECENTLY OPENED EAST OF U. S. 301 ON THE GREENVILLE HIGHWAY. THIS SCHOOL WILL HELP REDUCE THE OVERCROWDING PRESENTLY EXISTING IN ALL NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. ESTIMATES CONTAINED IN THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN INDICATE THAT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY 54 NEW ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THE 1980 NEGRO SCHOOL POPULATION. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENO DARDEN SCHOOL.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE ARE NO PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES AVAILABLE
IN THE DISTRICT APART FROM THE PLAYGROUND SPACE AT ELVIE STREET SCHOOL. THE
NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTER IS LOCATED LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM THE DISTRICT AND IS
AVAILABLE TO OLDER CHILDREN AND ADMITS.

Plans should call for the provision of organized recreation facilities adjacent to the new housing project. This project is located at the center of the District and would be centrally located for all residents.

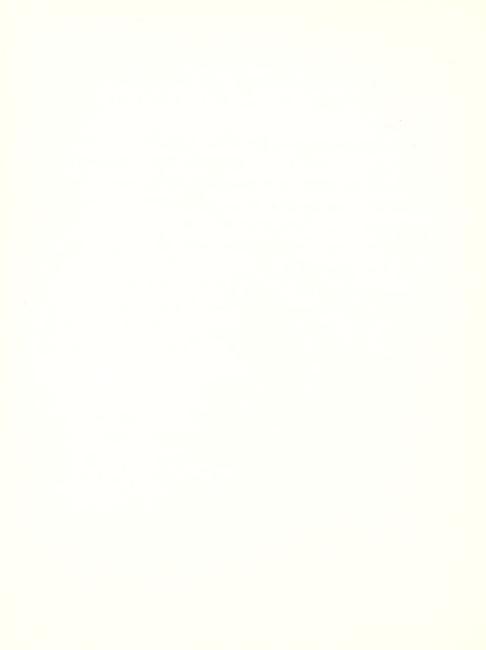
Other Facilities - Sanitary sewer, public water, gas and electrical facilities are available throughout the District. Storm drainage within the District is extremely poor. Should this area be redeveloped, a complete storm drainage system should be provided for the District.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF BLIGHT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT ARE INADEQUATE

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION AND POOR MAINTENANCE PRACTICES. IN ADDITION, STREET

AND LOT PLATTING IS EXTREMELY POOR THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THE TYPICAL



STREET IS UNPAVED WITH STRUCTURES SET BACK ONLY FIVE TO TEN FEET ON THE AVERAGE.

THE PROPERTY ALONG STANTONSBURG STREET HAS SUFFERED FROM EXCESSIVE STRIP

COMMERCIAL ZONING. FRONTAGE ON THIS STREET IS MOSTLY IN RESIDENTIAL USE, BUT

INTERMIXED WITH IT ARE A NUMBER OF MARGINAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

An example of poor inadequate original construction is provided by two twelve-unit apartment houses located on Dixie Street. These two structures are built of block material with common walls on lots for below minimum standards. These structures are less than ten years old.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

THE ONLY LOGICAL REMEDIAL TREATMENT FOR MOST OF THE SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS CLEARANCE. However, THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALL AREAS WHERE THE STRUCTURES APPEAR TO BE WELL MAINTAINED EVEN THOUGH LOCATED IN EXTREMELY POOR ENVIRONMENTS. THESE STRUCTURES CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY. AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH STRUCTURES IS A NUMBER OF THOSE LOCATED ALONG CEMETERY STREET.

THE DISTRICT'S WORST CONDITIONS OCCUR IN THE AREA AROUND THE INTERSECTION

OF TAYLOR AND MAURY STREETS. THE CLEARANCE OF THIS AREA WILL PRESENT A DIFFICULT

LAND RE-USE PROBLEM. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROTECT ANY RESIDENTIAL

DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA FROM THE INDUSTRIAL USES JUST NORTH OF ROBESON STREET.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF A MINIMUM HOUSING ORDINANCE COULD BE USED TO RETURN A

SMALL NUMBER OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES TO A STANDARD CONDITION. HOWEVER, IT IS

NOT LIKELY THAT ANY ACTIVITY SHORT OF MAJOR RECONDITIONING WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT

UPON GENERAL CONDITIONS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.



• SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICT II

LOCATION: South of Nash Street, North of Stantonsburg Street

BOUNDARIES: NASH STREET, U. S. 301, STANTONSBURG STREET

AREA: 154 ACRES - 21.2 VACANT

MAJOR STREETS: BOUNDARY STREETS

POPULATION: 1960 - 2,460, 1980 - 2,455

MAJOR PROBLEMS: SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES THROUGHOUT DISTRICT;

UNPAVED STREETS; POOR LOTTING

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREATMENT: CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT, RECONDITIONING,

REGID CODE ENFORCEMENT



ALTHOUGH PREDOMINANTLY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER, THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF SCATTERED NONCONFORMING BUSINESS USES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE FOUR SMALL AREAS ZONED FOR BUSINESS USE ALONG THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARY STREETS. THESE FOUR AREAS ARE COMPLETELY DEVELOPED. MOST OF THE NON-CONFORMING BUSINESS USES ARE SMALL GROCERY STORES OR SODA SHOPS.

SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS PREVAIL THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT WITH NO SINGLE AREA FREE FROM SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES. STREET CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY POOR WITH BLACK CREEK ROAD, EAST NASH STREET, STANTONSBURG STREET AND U. S. 301 BEING THE ONLY PAVED STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, MOST STREETS BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN MUD HOLES.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 591 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 680 DWELLING UNITS. ALL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE OCCUPIED BY NEGRO POPULATION. OF THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, 471 OR 79 PERCENT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD.

During the period from July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1961, 119 structures, representing 71 percent of the City's total residential construction for that period, were built within the District. Most of these structures were built in the area south of Wainwright Avenue, and the majority of them are now considered to be substandard. Most of the newer residential structures within the District are two-family duplexes of the "shotgun" type and are constructed of a block-type material. Most of these structures, if located elsewhere, would have been considered to be standard. However, because of Junk accumulations in yards, excessive structural density, poor lotting, a lack of yard space, no underpinning and a general accumulation of similar conditions, most were considered to be substandard.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. NEGRO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND ELVIE STREET SCHOOL AND THE NEW BARNES SCHOOL LOCATED
ON THE GREENVILLE HIGHWAY. THE ADEQUACY OF THE ELVIE STREET SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED
ON PAGE 57. THE NEW BARNES SCHOOL HAS A SITE OF TEN ACRES AND AN ENROLLMENT OF
537. THE LOCATION OF THIS SCHOOL REQUIRES A GREAT MANY STUDENTS TO CROSS U. S.
HIGHWAY 301. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT BARNES SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SPACE
AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDENTS FROM THIS DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE POPULATION BUILDUP EXPECTED IN THE AREAS SURROUNDING IT. THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FOR WILSON
CALLS FOR THE LOCATION OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND SHOULD
A REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BE IMPLEMENTED, SPACE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SUCH A

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND DARDEN SCHOOL.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE ARE NO RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

FACILITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISTRICT'S OLOER CHILOREN.

Should a New School be constructed within the District, recreation facilities should be provided for pre-school age children--in conjunction with it. In addition, a definite need exists for several small play areas to be located in the District.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY SEWER, PUBLIC WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES

ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

STORM CRAINAGE THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT IS PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT. DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL, STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE COVERED WITH MUD AND WATER WHICH USUALLY BACKS UP IN THE YARDS OF ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

THE POOR GRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED AT THE TIME U. S.

HIGHWAY 301 WAS IMPROVED. THE ELEVATION OF THE HIGHWAY WAS RAISED AT THAT TIME,



AND NO ORAINAGE WAS PROVIDED BY PIPES UNDER IT. IN EFFECT, THE HIGHWAY NOW SERVES AS A DIKE AND PREVENTS STORM WATER FROM ORAINING.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INOEX	Number	PERCENT OF CITY
Tuberculosis Cases	14	16.7
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	27	27.9
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	27	24.0
SUBSTANOARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	471	22.4
Fire Calls	18	7.0

- 9.0 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 19.6 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE OEVELOPMENT OF AN AREA OF BLIGHT AS LARGE AS EXISTS IN THIS DISTRICT AND ON THE ENTIRE EASTERN SIDE OF WILSON IS NOT EASILY OCCUMENTED. THE ENTIRE RANGE OF BLIGHT-INDUCING FACTORS ARE ACTIVELY AT WORK IN EAST WILSON AND HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS. MUCH OF THE DISCREDIT FOR THIS IS NO OCUBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO POOR BUILDING PRACTICES AND EXPLOITATION BY PROPERTY OWNERS. HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA MUST BEAR A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE GUILT FOR THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT THAT HAS BEEN CREATED. THE SIZE OF A LOT, THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION, AND ALL OTHER FACTORS OO NOT MITIGATE THE LACK OF CLEANLINESS, WHICH THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF EAST WILSON EXPRESSES.

THE PRINCIPAL BLIGHT-INOUCING FACTORS AT WORK IN THIS DISTRICT INCLUDE

EXCESSIVE POPULATION AND STRUCTURAL GENSITY, INADEQUATE ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION,

POOR STREET LAYOUT AND A LACK OF SURFACE TREATMENT TO STREETS, INADEQUATE STORM

DRAINAGE, POOR STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE, AREAS OF MIXED LAND USE, PUBLIC APATHY

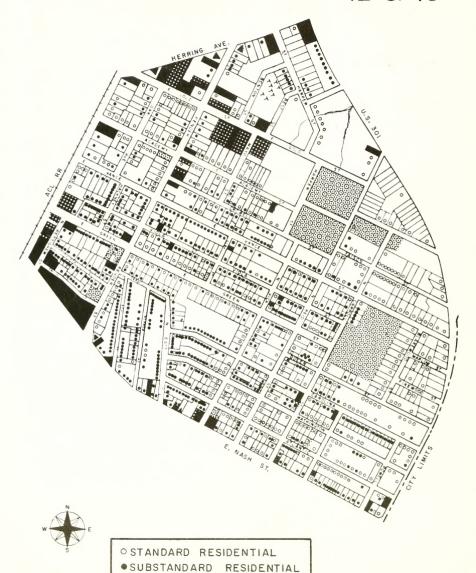


TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND A LACK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT ON THE PART OF

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

RECONDITIONING AND CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT ARE THE PRINCIPAL TYPES OF

Until a redevelopment program is undertaken in this District, it is recommended that rigid code enforcement by the City's Inspection Department be implemented.





PLANNING DISTRICTS 12 AND 13

LOCATION: NORTHEAST OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BOUNDARIES: HERRING AVENUE, U. S. 301, EAST NASH STREET, ACL RAILROAD

AREA: 264.4 ACRES - 40.8 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 4713, 1980 - 4874

MAJOR PROBLEMS: COMPACT AREAS OF SLUMS, POOR STREET LAYOUT, INADEQUATE STORM

DRAINAGE.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREATMENT: CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT, RECONDITIONING

AND CONSERVATION.



THIS DISTRICT IS PREDOMINANTLY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER. HOWEVER, THERE

ARE TWO AREAS OF COMMERCIAL ZONING ALONG EAST NASH STREET AND AT THE HERRING

AVENUE - EAST GOLD STREET INTERSECTION. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER

OF NONCONFORMING COMMERCIAL USES LOCATED IN THE OLDER PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

CONDITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT VARY CONSIDERABLY WITH GENERALLY SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS PREVAILING. HOWEVER, THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BLAKE-FIKE SUBDIVISION IS EQUAL IN QUALITY TO MOST ANY RESIDENTIAL SECTION WITHIN THE CITY.

THE CONDITIONS EXISTING IN THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT VARY FROM THOSE ALONG GREENE STREET WHERE A MIXTURE OF STANDARD AND SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES OCCURS TO THOSE IN THE AREA OF PETTIGREW AND CHURCH STREETS WHERE SOME OF THE CITY'S WORST SLUMS APPEAR.

THE STREET PATTERN WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS IRREGULAR, AND MANY UNPAVED STREETS EXIST. However, Those Streets which are paved appear to be in GOOD CONDITION.

THE AREAS WHERE SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES ARE MOST HEAVILY CONCENTRATED REPRESENT THE OLDER SECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT. AS A COMPARISON OF THE
DISTRICT MAP AND THE MAP OF NEW RESIDENTIAL, CONSTRUCTION REVEALS MOST NEW
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION WHICH HAS OCCURRED DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS IS IN A
STANDARD CONDITION. THIS IS NOT THE CASE FOR MOST NEW CONSTRUCTION IN EAST
WILSON.

CONDITIONS ALONG EAST NASH STREET, WHICH SERVES AS THE EASTERN ENTRANCE
TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, ARE AMONG THE WORST IN THE CITY. THE EFFECT
OF PASSING THROUGH SUCH A VAST SLUM AREA ON THE OCCASSIONAL VISITOR FROM THE
EAST IS NO DOUBT DEPRESSING. ONE OF THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF ANY PROGRAM TO
IMPROVE DOWNTOWN WILSON SHOULD BE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
ALONG ITS PRINCIPAL ENTRANCEWAYS.



Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 1,114 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 1,216 DWELLING UNITS. THERE ARE 174 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY WHITE RESIDENTS.

OF THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES 683 OR 32.4 PERCENT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IN A SUBSTANDARD CONDITION. EXCEPT FOR THE BLAKE-FIKE SUBDIVISION, SUBSTANDARD HOUSES ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SEVERAL CONCENTRATIONS OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES WHICH DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE STANDARD STRUCTURE.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1951, TO JULY 1, 1961, 121 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS 7.2 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD. AS THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION MAP INDICATES, MOST OF THESE NEW STRUCTURES WERE BUILT IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO U. S. HIGHWAY 301.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - NEGRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ATTEND VICK SCHOOL, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BARNES) LOCATED ON THE GREENVILLE HIGHWAY. VICK SCHOOL HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 738 IN JANUARY, 1960, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 43 STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM HAS BEEN REDUCED SOMEWHAT BY TRANSFERRING STUDENTS TO BARNES SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL HAS A SITE OF 4.3 ACRES WHICH IS INADEQUATE. THE ADEQUACY OF BARNES SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 62.

WHITE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND HEARNE SCHOOL. THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 22.

Negro Junior and Senior High School Students attend Darden School which is also located within the District. Darden School had a 1960 enrollment of 1,281 --828 Junior High -- 453 senior High. The School is located on a site of 7.3 acres and has an average of 33 students per classroom. The Land Development



PLAN PROPOSES THAT A NEW NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BE BUILT IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF BARNES SCHOOL.

WHITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE HIGH SCHOOL.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THE REID STREET RECREATION CENTER IS LOCATED IN THIS

DISTRICT AND SERVES ALL NEGRO POPULATION. THE CENTER HAS A SITE OF 4.7 ACRES

AND THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES: LIGHTEO SOFTBALL FIELD, SWINGS, CLAY TENNIS

COURT, SWIMMING POOL, AND A MULTI-USE GYMNASIUM.

THERE ARE NO RECREATION FACILITIES FOR WHITE RESIDENTS LOCATED WITHIN

THE DISTRICT. THE WHITE POPULATION OF THIS DISTRICT IS DECLINING, AND IT WOULD

PROBABLY BE UNREALISTIC TO PROVIDE RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER FACILITIES - THE NEGRO LIBRARY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE PRESENT

STRUCTURE HOUSING THE LIBRARY IS IN POOR CONDITION AND NEEDS TO BE RAZED OR

REBUILT. IN ADDITION TO THIS LIBRARY, THE FACILITIES OF THE WHITE LIBRARY ARE

PUBLIC WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS WITHIN THE DISTRICT NOT SERVED BY THE STORM SEWERAGE SYSTEM. DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL, THE AREA AROUND PETTIGREW AND CHURCH STREETS SUFFERS FROM STANDING WATER.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	5	21.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	28	28.9
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	36	32.2
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	683	32.4
FIRE CALLS	1414	17.2



- 17.3 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 26.3 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLIGHT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE

TO INTERNAL RATHER THAN EXTERNAL FACTORS. AT ONE TIME, MOST OF THE TWO
STORY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG GREENE AND VANCE STREETS WERE

AMONG THE BEST IN THE CITY. MOST OF THE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE

DISTRICT HAVE SUFFERED FROM INADEQUATE CONSTRUCTION, POOR MAINTENANCE,

EXCESSIVE DENSITY AND PUBLIC APATHY. IN FACT, THE LATTER FACTOR IS CLEARLY

OBVIOUS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, A LACK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, MADE NECESSARY BY

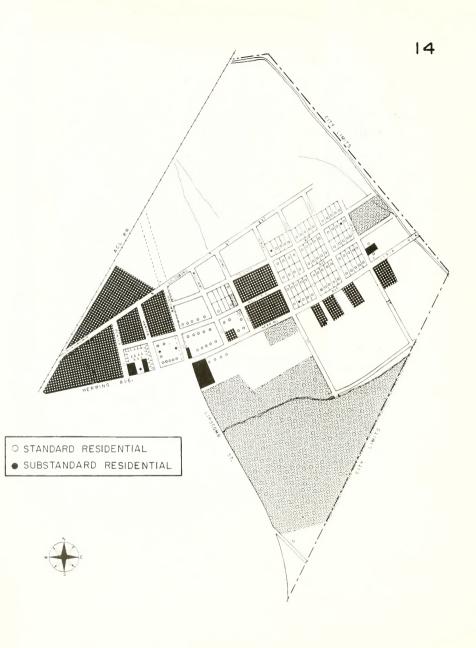
AN ABSENCE OF REPLACEMENT HOUSING FOR DISPLACES, HAS PERMITTED MOST OF THE

SURSTANDARD STRUCTURES TO REMAIN.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT ARE THE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE AREA BOUNDED BY GREENE STREET, NORTH EAST STREET, NASH STREET AND THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD. IN ADDITION TO THIS AREA, SPOT CLEARANCE OF STRUCTURES IS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND ESPECIALLY ALONG NASH STREET.

A RECONDITIONING PROGRAM WOULD SERVE TO UPGRADE A LARGE NUMBER OF
STRUCTURES IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE DISTRICT WHICH ARE STRUCTURALLY SOUND
BUT HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO FALL INTO DISREPAIR.





PLANNING DISTRICT 14

LOCATION: NORTHEAST SECTION OF CITY

BOUNDARIES: CITY LIMITS, LIBSCOMB ROAD, HERRING AVENUE, ACL RAILROAD

AREA: 332 ACRES - 160.4 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 423, 1980 - 121

MAJOR_STREETS: HERRING AVENUE, LIBSCOMB ROAD

MAJOR PROBLEMS: MIXEO LANO USE

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CODE ENFORCEMENT



During the past decade this District has become industrialized. The principal land user in this District is the Eastern North Carolina Sanitorium. However, ouring the past decade a number of modern one-story industrial-type establishments have located along Herring Avenue. These uses, in addition to the industries already located along Herring Avenue at Pender Street and Libscomb Road, have created an industrial-type environment throughout the western part of the District. In addition to existing uses, there is a large supply of prime, vacant land along the ACL Railroad.

APART FROM THE SANITORIUM AND INDUSTRIAL USES, THERE ARE TWO CONCENTRATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE DISTRICT. THESE AREAS CONSIST OF HOMES IN THE \$8,000 - \$10,000 PRICE RANGE.

THE STREET SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT IS A TYPICAL GRIDIRON PATTERN. THE MAJOR STREETS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION; HOWEVER, SEVERAL OF THE MINOR, INTERIOR STREETS ARE UNPAVED.

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 114 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING 117 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES, SIX WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD.

IN ADDITION, 29 OF THE TOTAL STRUCTURES ARE TRAILERS. ALL OWELLING UNITS

WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE POPULATION.

During the ten-year period, July, 1951, to July 1961, 13 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

WHILE ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THE STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE CON-SIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD, A LARGE NUMBER ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW NEED FOR BETTER MAINTENANCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF JAMES STREET.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE



PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULDSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	1	0.9
FIRE CALLS	9	3.5
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	6	0.2

- 1.6 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 0.9 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND HEARNE SCHOOL. THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED

DN PAGE 22 . This school is located within walking distance of all homes within the District.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE HIGH SCHOOL.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE IS ONE COMBINED PLAYFIELD AND PICNIC AREA LOCATED BETWEEN CANAL STREET AND TOISNOT SWAMP PRESENTLY SERVING THIS DISTRICT. THIS FACILITY SHOULD ADEQUATELY SERVE THE RECREATION NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT POPULATION IN THE FUTURE.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

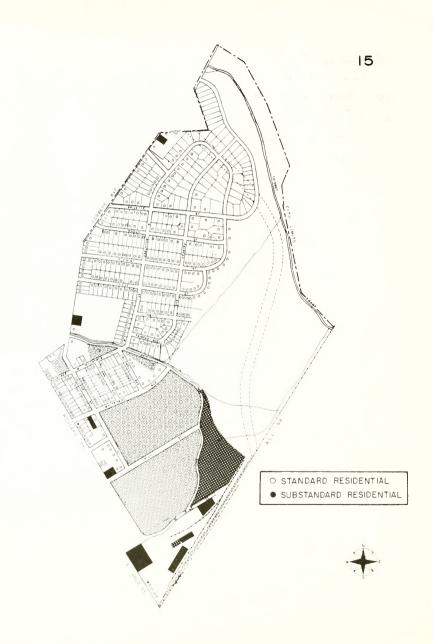
CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT HAS BEEN THE FAILURE DF INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO CARRY DUT GDOD MAINTENANCE PRACTICES. IN ADDITION, THE PROPERTIES LOCATED TO THE SDUTH OF JAMES STREET HAVE SUFFERED FROM THEIR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ALDNG LIBSCOMB ROAD, HARPER STREET, AND PENDER STREET.



REMEDIAL TREATMENT

Until such a time as the vacant and residential property located to the west of Herring Avenue is needed for industrial use, remedial treatment within this District should consist of the reconditioning of selected structures, conservation practices to the remainder, and code enforcement by the City's Inspection Department.





PLANNING DISTRICT 15

LOCATION: EAST OF CORBETT AVENUE, WEST OF ACL RAILROAD

BOUNDARIES: CITY LIMITS, ACL RAILROAD, EAST GOLD STREET, WOODARD STREET,

CORBETT AVENUE

AREA: 356.7 ACRES - 166.2 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,074, 1980 - 1,801

MAJOR STREETS: CORBETT AVENUE, WOODARD STREET, GOLD STREET

MAJOR PROBLEMS: DRAINAGE ALONG TOISNOT SWAMP

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CODE ENFORCEMENT



APART FROM THE MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT AND SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL USES ALDNG
EAST GOLD STREET, THIS DISTRICT IS COMPLETELY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER. THE
POWER PLANT AND INDUSTRIAL USES ARE SCREENED FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY
THE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY.

STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE WELL ALIGNED; AND EXCEPT FOR GDLD PARK

RDAD, ALL STREETS ARE PAVED. IN ADDITION, MOST STREETS HAVE CURBS AND GUTTERS.

RIGHT-DF-WAY HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH THE MONTCLAIR SUBDIVISION FOR THE

EXTENSION OF WARD BOULEVARD. Due TO THIS PLANNING, TRAFFIC ON THIS MAJOR

STREET SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

THE LAND ALDNG TDISNDT SWAMP IS SUBJECT TO FLODDING DURING RAINY WEATHER

AND CONSEQUENTLY IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Housing Conditions

At the time of the Land Survey, there were 350 residential structures providing approximately 360 dwelling units within the District. Of the total structures in the District, only two are considered to be substandard. Both of these are in need of clearance. All structures within the District are occupied by white population.

DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIDD, JULY, 1951, TO JULY, 1961, 176 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 10.5 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD AND 50.2 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

Homes within the Montclair Subdivision are in a \$9,500 to \$12,500 price range. The older homes within the District are in a slightly lower price range. Indices of Blight

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.



INOEX	Number	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	2	8.3
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	3	3.1
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	8	3.1
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	2	0.08

- 3.9 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 2.9 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENO HEARNE SCHOOL AND WELLS SCHOOL. BOTH OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED MORE THAN ONE-HALF MILE FROM THE MOST NORTHERN PART OF THE DISTRICT.

HOWEVER, THEIR LOCATIONS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO MOST OF THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE ADEQUACY OF HEARNE SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 22. WELLS SCHOOL HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 567 STUDENTS IN 1960 WITH AN AVERAGE OF 38 STUDENTS PER CLASS-ROOM. SINCE THAT TIME, SEVEN NEW CLASSROOMS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1904 ON A SITE OF 16.7 ACRES. EVEN THOUGH OLD, THE BUILDING SHOULD HAVE AN INDEFINITE LIFE SPAN WITH PROPER MAINTENANCE.

THE SCHOOL IS WELL LOCATED AND ITS SERVICE AREA HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE POPULATION INCREASE OURING THE PAST DECADE.

RECREATION FACILITIES - GOLD PARK IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND SERVES AS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY. THIS PARK HAS A SITE OF \$\frac{1}{4}\$ ACRES AND IS EQUIPPED WITH PLAYGROUND APPARATUS, A PICNIC AREA, BASKETBALL GOALS AND A WADING POOL. THE WADING POOL IS IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIR, HOWEVER, THE PARK SITE IS WELL SHADED AND OFFERS BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION.



In addition to Gold Park, tentative plans have been made to develop a large park along Toisnot Swamp. This facility will have a site of approximately 43 acres including a small lake.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

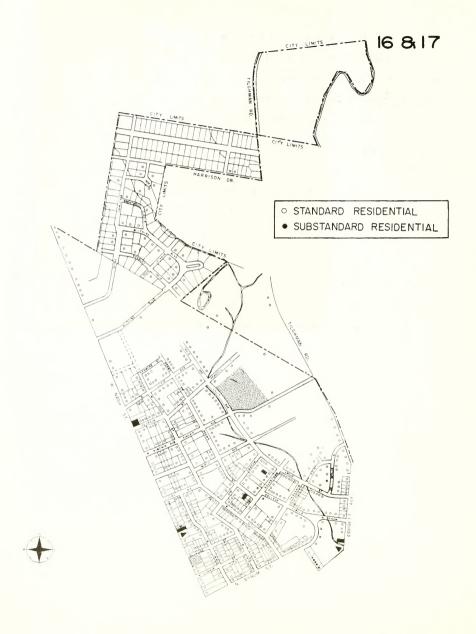
BLIGHTING INFLUENCES ARE NEARLY ABSENT FROM THIS DISTRICT. THE ONLY APPARENT DETRIMENTAL FACTOR PRESENT IN THIS DISTRICT IS THE AGE OF THE STRUCTURES ALONG WOODARD AND COLLEGE STREETS. Most of these structures are of frame construction, and a number of them are beginning to show evidence of poor maintenance.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

REMEDIAL TREATMENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT SHOULD CONSIST OF STRICT CODE

ENFORCEMENT BY THE CITY'S INSPECTION DEPARTMENT AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES BY

PROPERTY OWNERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ALONG COLLEGE AND WOODARD STREETS.





PLANNING DISTRICTS 16 AND 17

LOCATION: NORTHWESTERN AREA OF CITY

BOUNDARIES: CITY LIMITS, CORBETT AVENUE, NORTH BYNUM STREET, WEST NASH STREET

AREA: 480.3 ACRES - 233.9 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 2,219, 1980 - 3,327

MAJOR STREETS: WEST NASH STREET, HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, TILGHMAN ROAD

MAJOR PROBLEMS: LACK OF RECREATION SPACE AND ONE POCKET OF FIVE SUBSTANDARD

HOUSES

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CONSERVATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND SPOT CLEARANCE



APART FROM ONE SMALL AREA OF COMMERCIAL ZONING ALONG CORBETT AVENUE AND THREE NONCONFORMING COMMERCIAL USES ALONG WEST NASH STREET, THIS DISTRICT IS ENTIRELY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER.

STREET CONDITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE EXCELLENT ALTHOUGH THE STREET LAYOUT IN THE OLDER PORTION OF THE DISTRICT IS EXTREMELY POOR. ALL STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE PAVED AND EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL BLOCKS ALL ARE PROVIDED WITH CURB AND GUTTER.

THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT IS EXCELLENT WITH NEAT, WELL-KEPT LAWNS AND STRUCTURES.

Housing Conditions

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD CONTAINS 537 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WHICH PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 637 DWELLING UNITS. OF THE TOTAL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, 5 WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD. THESE 5 ARE LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF
THE DISTRICT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CORBETT AVENUE AND BYNUM STREET. ALL
RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE POPULATION.

APART FROM THE 5 SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES, HOUSING CONDITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE EXCELLENT. THE MAJORITY OF THE MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE LOCATED IN THE GROUP HOUSING PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CORBETT AVENUE AND TILGHMAN ROAD. THIS PROJECT IS WELL KEPT AND HAS ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL EXPANSION.

Housing values within the District vary somewhat. Values in the Brentwood and Brentwood Annex Subdivision range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. To the east, values are lower with a range of \$8,000 to \$15,000.

During the ten-year period, July 1, 1951, to July 1, 1961, 144 New residential structures were built within the District. This represents 8.6 percent of the City's total residential construction during that period.



INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE

INDEX	Number	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	1	0.9
FIRE CALLS	11	4.3
SUBSTANOARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	5	0.3

- 8.2 PERCENT OF CITY'S TOTAL POPULATION
- 1.1 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH IS LOCATED IN THIS DISTRICT. THE ADEQUACY OF WELLS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 76. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIKE HIGH SCHOOL WHICH ABUTS THE BRENTWOOD SUB-OLVISION. THIS SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON A 50-ACRE SITE WITH ADDITIONAL SPACE AVAILABLE FOR EXPANSION.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THERE ARE NO PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES AVAILABLE
WITHIN THE DISTRICT. However, Golo Park is easily accessible to residents of
THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DISTRICT. RESIDENTS TO THE NORTH OF KINCAID AVENUE
DO NOT HAVE "WALKING" ACCESS TO ANY RECREATION FACILITIES OTHER THAN THE OPEN
PLAY SPACE AT THE WELLS SCHOOL. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS SHORTCOMING BY THE RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING BOARD.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

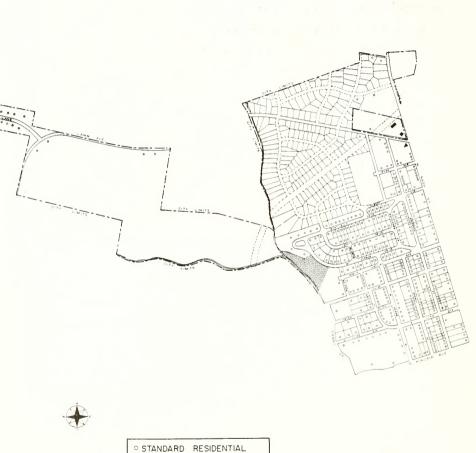


CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS A POCKET OF FIVE SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CORBETT AVENUE
AND NORTH BYNUM STREET. THE CONDITION OF THESE STRUCTURES HAS RESULTED FROM
THE WITHHOLDING OF BASIC STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.
IN ADDITION, THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE LINE OF EXPANSION OF ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

REMEDIAL TREATMENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT SHOULD CONSIST OF THE SPOT CLEAR-ANCE OF THE FIVE SUBSTANOARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND NORMAL CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES BY THE CITY'S INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.



• SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICT 18

LOCATION: NORTHWEST AREA OF CITY

BOUNDARIES: WEST NASH STREET, SOUTH KINCAID AVENUE, CANAL DRIVE, CITY LIMITS

AREA: 469 ACRES - 259 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 1,260, 1980 - 1,956

Major Streets: West Nash Street, South Kincald Avenue, Lamm Avenue

MAJOR PROBLEMS: NONE

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CODE ENFORCEMENT

^{*} Estimates pertain to area included within district boundaries as of 1960.



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Apart from the area zoned for business uses at the intersection of West

Nash Street and Lamm Avenue, this District is residential in character.

Street conditions within the District are generally good with all streets having a permanent-type wearing surface. However, maintenance costs on several of the older streets which lack a proper base material are extremely high.

THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT IS EXTREMELY GOOD WITH NO EVIDENCE OF BLIGHT

Housing Conditions

THERE ARE 368 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 375 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE POPULATION.

THE GENERAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS EXCELLENT WITH NO SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES PRESENT. MOST HOMES WITHIN THE DISTRICT COME WITHIN THE \$12,000 TO \$18,000 PRICE RANGE. DURING THE PERIOD, JULY 1, 1951, TO JULY 1, 1961, 122 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 7.2 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
Tuberculosis Cases	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	9	3.5
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	0	0.0

^{4.6} PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION

^{0.7} PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND WELLS SCHOOL AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 76. SCHOOL BOARD PLANS

CALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SCHOOL-OWNED, 10
ACRE SITE IN CAVALIER PARK. THIS SITE IS CENTRALLY LOCATED AND SHOULD ADEQUATELY

SERVE THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

RECREATION - THE DAY CAMP RECREATION AREA IS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO ITS EASTERN BOUNDARY. THE DAY CAMP HAS A SITE OF 8.7 ACRES WITH FACILITIES FOR PICNICKING, BASKETBALL AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. THIS FACILITY HAS AN EXCELLENT LOCATION WITH ROOM AVAILABLE FOR EXPANSION.

OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ALL BUT THE RECENTLY ANNEXED PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

PLANS FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER AND WATER TO THE ANNEXED AREA ALONG DOGWOOD LANE HAVE BEEN PREPARED. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER TO THIS AREA, A LIFT STATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

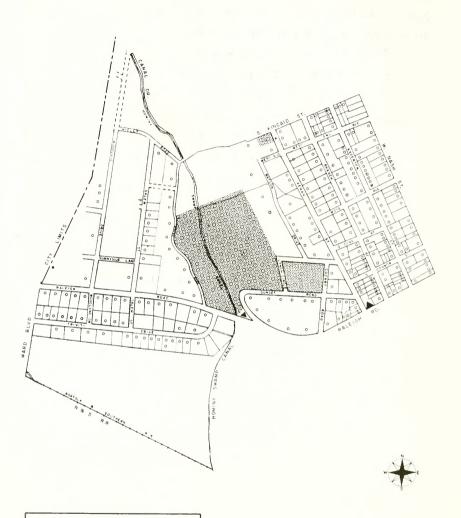
THERE APPEARS TO BE NO BLIGHTING INFLUENCES PRESENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

THE ONLY REMEDIAL TREATMENT NEEDED WITHIN THIS DISTRICT IS THE IMPROVING

OF THE BASE MATERIAL ALONG SEVERAL OF THE OLOER STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

IN MOST CASES, THIS WILL INVOLVE THE COMPLETE REBUILDING OF THESE STREETS.



- O STANDARD RESIDENTIAL
- SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL



PLANNING DISTRICTS 19 AND 20

LOCATION: WEST END, TRINITY DRIVE, WODDARD DRIVE

Boundaries: West Nash Street, Raleigh Road, Hominy Swamp Canal, Norfolk and

SOUTHERN RAILRDAD, WARD BOULEVARD, CITY LIMITS, CANAL DRIVE, SDUTH

KINCAID STREET

AREA: 321 ACRES - 113.2 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 959, 1980 - 1,521

MAJDR PROBLEMS: NONE

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CDDE ENFORCEMENT



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE PRINCIPAL LAND MARK WITHIN THIS DISTRICT IS THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THE ONLY COMMERCIAL USES LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE TWO SERVICE STATIONS ALONG RALEIGH ROAD.

THE STREET PATTERN WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS GENERALLY GOOD AS ARE STREET CONDITIONS. THE STREETS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT ALL BUT ONE AREA OF UNDEVELOPED LAND ALONG THE RAILROAD. THIS TRACT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES AND WILL HAVE ACCESS FROM WARD BOULEVARD ONLY UNLESS A BRIDGE IS CONSTRUCTED ACROSS HOMINY SWAMP CANAL SO AS TO EXTEND WESTOVER AVENUE. WHILE COSTLY, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE MOST LOGICAL ANSWER TO THE TRACT'S ACCESS PROBLEM.

Environmental conditions throughout the District are excellent. The residential area to the west of the Hominy Swamp Canal is among the best in the City while that to the east of the Canal is less expensive but equally well kept.

Housing Conditions - The District contains 262 residential structures which provide approximately 278 dwelling units. One dwelling unit within the District is occupied by non-white population. This dwelling is the only one within the District considered to be substandard.

Housing conditions throughout the District are excellent with most of those to the north of the Canal Falling within a price range of \$10,000 to \$18,000.

To the south values range generally from \$25,000 upward with some above \$50,000.

During the Period, July 1, 1951, to July 1, 1961, 44 New Residential STRUCTURES WERE BUILT WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 2.7 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING THAT PERIOD.

INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT IN THE DISTRICT.



INOEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
Tuberculosis Cases	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	6	2.4
SUBSTANOARO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	1	0.0/1

- 3.6 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 0.6 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE WOODARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WITHIN THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILE OF ALL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT. THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 22.

RECREATION FACILITIES - THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS LOCATED WITHIN CLOSE WALKING DISTANCE OF EVERY RESIDENCE WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT THIS FACILITY ADEQUATELY SERVE THE RECREATION NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION.

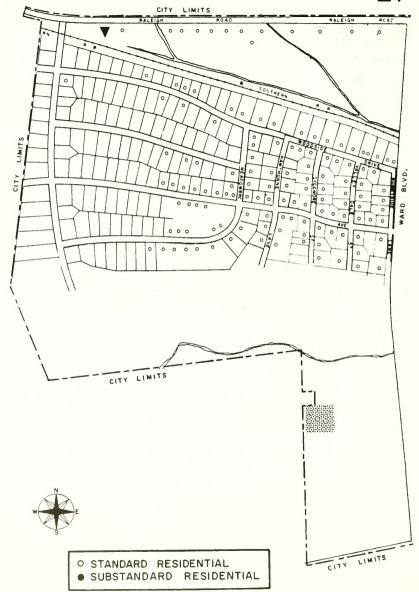
OTHER FACILITIES - SANITARY AND STORM SEWER, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

THERE IS NO EVICENCE OF BLIGHT-INDUCING FACTORS PRESENT IN THE DISTRICT.

REMEDIAL TREATMENT

Normal code enforcement practices by the City's Inspection Department are the only remedial treatments needed within this District.





PLANNING DISTRICT 21

LOCATION: WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION

BOUNDARIES: CITY LIMITS, WARD BOULEVARD, N. C. 42, RALEIGH ROAD

AREA: 283 ACRES - 199 VACANT

POPULATION: 1960 - 350, 1980 - 690

MAJOR PROBLEMS: NONE

RECOMMENDATION FOR TREATMENT: CODE ENFORCEMENT



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

APART FROM ONE NON-CONFORMING SERVICE STATION EXISTING, DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT IS ENTIRELY RESIDENTIAL IN CHARACTER. COMMERCIAL ZONING FOR A SHOPPING CENTER HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR A 26-ACRE SITE AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARD BOULEVARD AND N. C. 42. CAREFUL PLANNING OF THIS CENTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REDUCE CONFLICT BETWEEN IT AND SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ALL STREETS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE PAVED AND PROVIDED WITH CURB AND GUTTER.

THE STREET PATTERN IS EXCELLENT AND PLANS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SYSTEM INTO

THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY EAST OF THE WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION HAVE BEEN MADE.

AN EFFECTIVE BUFFER STRIP OF PINE WOODS BETWEEN THE NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY HAS ELIMINATED ANY CONFLICT THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE RAILROAD'S LOCATION.

Housing Conditions

AT THE TIME OF THE FIELD SURVEY, THERE WERE 132 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE 11 NEW STRUCTURES BEING CONSTRUCTED.

ALL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE SINGLE FAMILY AND ARE OCCUPIED BY WHITE POPULATION.

The one substanoard residential structure within the District is now being demolished. Housing conditions within the District are excellent with all but about 10 having been built since 1950. The homes within the Westwood Subdivision range in value from \$13,500 to \$24,000. Those along Raleigh Road probably have values as high as \$100,000.

DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD, JULY 1, 1951, TO JULY 1, 1961, 143 BUILDING PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS 8.5 PERCENT OF ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING THAT PERIOD.



INDICES OF BLIGHT

PRESENTED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INDICES USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

INDEX	NUMBER	PERCENT OF CITY
TUBERCULOSIS CASES	0	0.0
VENEREAL DISEASE CASES	0	0.0
ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	0	0.0
FIRE CALLS	2	0.8
SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES	1	0.04

- 1.3 PERCENT OF CITY'S POPULATION
- 0.2 PERCENT OF SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS - THERE ARE NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND NONE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND WINSTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE ADEQUACY OF THIS SCHOOL IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 37. SCHOOL BOARD PLANS CALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG N. C. 42. Until this is done, school facilities for this District's POPULATION WILL BE INADEQUATE.

RECREATION FACILITIES - AT THE PRESENT, THERE ARE NO PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. However, a site of approximately four acres for a neighborhood playground is being reserved by the developers of the Parkwood Subdivision.

This site will provide a centrally located facility for children in the District.

Other Facilities - Sanitary and storm sewer, water, gas and electrical facilities

CAUSES OF BLIGHT

ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF BLIGHT-INDUCING FACTORS PRESENT IN THE DISTRICT.



REMEDIAL TREATMENT

Normal code enforcement practices by the City's Inspection Department are the only remedial treatments needed within this District.



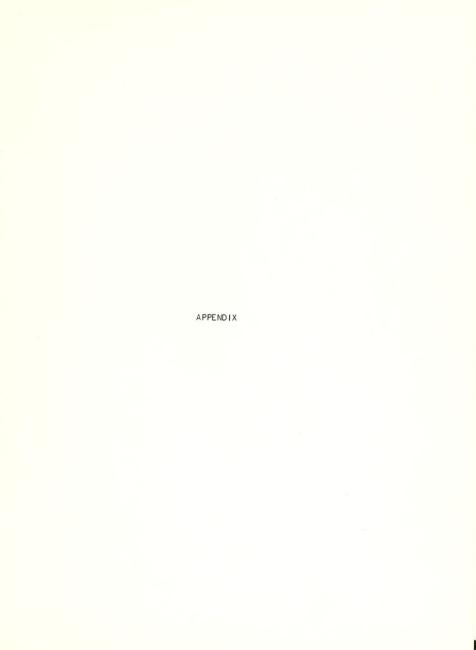




TABLE 1

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION - JULY 1, 1951 - JULY 1, 1961 1

PLANNING DISTRICT	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	2 12 3 55 252 261 29 127 5 51 119 67 54 13 176 55 89 122 26 18 18	0.1 0.7 0.2 3.3 15.5 1.7 7.6 3.0 7.1 4.0 3.8 10.5 3.3 7.2 1.1 8.5
TOTAL	1679	100.0

- 1) Source: Building Inspector
- 2) Does not include 90 units of public housing



TABLE 2

RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND SUBSTANDARD RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES BY RACIAL OCCUPANCY 1

PLANNING DISTRICTS		RESIDE STRUC					TANDARD	RES			
	WHITE	Non- White	TOTAL	PERCENT OF CITY	WHITE	Non- White	TOTAL	PERCENT OF CITY			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 1 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 GRAND TOTA	173 327 110 319 368 622 147 354 0 0 0 174 114 350 368 192 70 132 14,347	0 0 0 170 16 0 342 591 846 94 0 0 0 0 0	173 327 110 489 384 489 359 13 591 8468 214 350 3652 732 6,728	2.59 1.63 7.22 7.50 4.57 1.55 2.44 1.99 100.0	10 40 14 14 51 19 00 00 71 62 50 00 01 269	00 00 145 16 00 326 57 248 471 581 00 00 00	10 40 1 189 30 5 377 248 471 581 102 6 2 5 0 0	0.40 1.90 0.04 9.00 1.40 0.30 18.20 0.30 11.80 22.40 27.60 4.80 0.20 0.03 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00			

¹⁾ Source: FIELD SURVEYS



TABLE 3

DWELLING UNIT COUNT BY DWELLING TYPE 1

PLANNING DISTRICT	1 FAMILY	2 FAMILY	3 FAMILY	4 OR MORE FAMILIES	TOTAL
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 1 2 3 4 1 5 6 7 8 9 2 1	267 85 433 377 6087 398 344 9 238 515 766 250 1343 326 1562 186 70 132	84 54 26 98 12 22 164 24 2 116 136 152 10 12 0 0 1002	21 72 15 27 3 12 24 9 0 12 9 12 0 0 3 0 0 0	58 47 15 7 0 0 4 24 32 0 0 0 0 4 117 0 0 0 0	275 440 141 5652 641 590 377 398 930 286 930 469 167 178 70 132 7639

¹⁾ Source: FIELD SURVEY



POPULATION AND SELECTED INDICES OF BLIGHT - 1960

PERCENT 3

No. of 3

PERCENT 3 INDICES OF BLIGHT			η.0	3.2	0.5	5.2	0.7	٦.	16.9	6.0	1.7	13.3	19.6	23.3	.00	6.0	2.9		0.3	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.2		100.0
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